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## Retirement facility proposed for Haliburton

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A retirement facility, one offering both independent and assisted-living units, is being proposed for 1 Sunnyside St. in Haliburton, the "old college property," where condominium projects had previously been proposed, but did not come to fruition.

Bill Mardimae of Gardens Retirement Development Inc. visited Dysart et al councillors during a Sept. 24 meeting.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said the municipality has been trying to attract builders of seniors' residences to the community.

"We talked to everyone that's in that business, to come to Haliburton," Fearrey said. "We've been working on this for a long, long time."

"We toured all of Minden, looked at different sites," Mardimae told the room. "Toured Haliburton. From that, we really honed in on Haliburton."

His company has constructed retirement facilities in numerous communities, including Parry Sound and Uxbridge.

"We do smaller retirement homes in smaller communities," Mardimae said.

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### Corduroy Enduro races into Gooderham

This year marked the 66th annual Corduroy Enduro, which sees racers compete on challenging terrain throughout Haliburton County. Read more on pages 20 and 21.  
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## Voters ask Highlands East candidates about housing, transportation

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Two mayoral candidates and eight candidates vying for councillor positions in Highlands East answered questions from constituents at the all-candidates meeting held at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Sept. 20.

Topics discussed included affordable housing, public transportation, short-term rentals, improving cell and internet service, septic re-inspections, attracting young families here and conducting ice rescues.

The meeting was organized by the county's media organizations, both print and radio, and was moderated by Canoe FM host Mike Jaycock. About 125 people were in the crowd.

"This is a wonderful turn-out, and obviously demonstrates the interest in the upcoming election," said Jaycock.

Voters will choose between electing incumbent Dave Burton, or Cheryl Ellis as their mayor.

Burton introduced himself by listing what he wanted to talk about in the evening: a doctor coming to Highlands East,

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# Candidates introduce themselves

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improved internet service, improved cell service, a financial institution in the municipality – Burton said he had “not given up the fight on that one” and said he was committed to the environment.

Ellis said people probably wanted to know why she was stepping into the race despite not having political experience. “I’m tired of standing in the back and bitching, so I’d like to step up and I would like to be that person that helps everybody.” Ellis said she wanted to stop “taxing everybody for everything,” and wanted to keep the area both quaint and lovely. She said she possesses the qualities that make her a good mayor, and stressed that she is honest.

In Ward 1, Bicroft, Steve Kauffeldt is running against incumbent Cam McKenzie.

Kauffeldt was born in Bancroft, and has lived in Cardiff with his wife and children for 16 years. He has been a former councillor and chair of several municipal committees, and more recently has worked on the Central Food Network, the Places for People board, as a volunteer firefighter, and the Cardiff Light the Night committee.

Mckenzie has lived in Cardiff for 50 years, and has raised three children there but noted his family has had to move out of the area to find “meaningful work.” He worked 37 years with the MNR and served 15 years in the army reserves. He volunteered as a firefighter for 37 years, runs the Cardiff Food Bank, is chairman of the Haliburton Army Cadet Corp support committee, and a member of the Cardiff Community Club and the Cardiff Legion. He has been councillor of Ward 1 for the past four years.

Suzanne Partridge, running for Ward 2, Cardiff, has been on Highlands East council for the past 17 years. She has been deputy reeve or deputy mayor for the past eight years, and is currently the county warden. She has been a cottager or resident on Paudash Lake for the past 46 years and works in the landscape business. She acknowledged the importance in the area for tourism, a need for balance between environmental protection and development potential, and said she fully supports a county-wide transportation system.

Jane Russell, vying for Partridge’s position, said she has been living permanently in the area for just two years, but has a lot of enthusiasm. She lives with her husband and his parents, who have been here 18 years. She said she and her husband are looking forward to retirement years, and hope to make some improvements to the area to live more comfortably here. Her interests include roads, especially cleaning in the wintertime, local schools staying open, and environmental issues.

In Ward 4, Monmouth, four candidates are running for a position currently being held by Joan Barton, who is not running again.

James Deterling is married and raised his kids here. He said as a student he was full-time caregiver of the cemeteries and part-time truck driver for the township when needed, and then spent almost 20 years with Hyland Ice, then as a long-haul trucker. Deterling has served more than 10 years on council in the past, almost 30 years as a volunteer with the fire department and coached minor hockey and men’s hockey. He said water is the community’s most precious asset, and keeping it clean is essential.

Peter Fredricks worked in finance, advertising and marketing before retiring to Wilberforce. He said his passion has always been to help, and has sat on four Highlands East committees of council for much of the past two terms. He has sat on the county doctors recruitment committee and volunteers at Canoe FM as an announcer. He currently sits on the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and the regional Community Futures of Eastern Ontario board. He said volunteering has taught him about what Highlands East needs, and in particular, his HCDC experience helps him understand what local businesses need. He said he wants to vote yes to the new

Wilberforce park, more affordable housing, good paying jobs, bringing more businesses to Highlands East, job training and apprenticeship programs, keeping youth in the community, improving cellular service, better internet service, protecting water quality and finding a new financial institution and establishing doctor services in Highlands East.

Bradley Keller has worked for the County of Haliburton for the past six years, and said he likes everything about the area. His family cottaged on Haliburton Lake when he was young, and he lived out west and in Fergus, before moving to the area so his wife could semi-retire. He said he’s 72 years old and has never been involved in politics, nor thought he would be, but he would like to see some changes made and wants to be totally involved in the community. He has volunteered for Horseshoe Days – both at the event and as a committee member – for the past four years, and volunteers at the Wilberforce Fair.

Ruth Strong was born in Haliburton and has lived most of her life in Highlands East. She served on council previously in the late 1990s, and has worked in the business world for 50 years. She said she is comfortable with the public, understands the seasonal nature of work in the area, finding skilled employees and retaining them, and feels capable in making sound decisions for the municipality, county and taxpayers. She has volunteered as treasurer of the Wilberforce Agricultural Society, served on the Wilberforce recreation board, and was part of the fundraising drive that built the Wilberforce Curling Club.

Cec Ryall, councillor for Ward 3, Glamorgan, was acclaimed.

Candidates took questions from the floor, with most questions being posed to the mayoral candidates. Below is a sampling of some of the topics. To hear the meeting in its entirety, visit the Canoe FM website and click on “programs” then “interviews.”

## Short-Term Rental Bylaws

A tourism operator from Ward 3 asked if candidates would support addressing short-term rental issues by better enforcing current bylaws.

McKenzie said the topic had been controversial over the past little while. “My own personal feeling is that we need that economic activity here in Highlands East,” he said. “Tourists are really the heart of our economy. The input we had was mostly against having the short-term accommodation. The one little glitch in that ... running those rentals under our zoning bylaw right now is not legal.”

Deterling said the responsibility of renting should be borne by the person renting their property out, not the general ratepayers in the municipality.

Ellis said the bylaws should be enforced, and that more budget should be put toward that if necessary.

Burton said the issue was complaint-driven when it started, but that council was “cognizant and aware and embraced the short-term accommodations.” He said the concerns of council were environmental, safety, fire and building and structure. Burton said he was adamant and council would follow through on regulations.

## On Transportation

Tina Jackson, an advocate for public transportation in the county, asked candidates what they see as being their role in furthering the efforts toward a county-wide public transportation service.

Burton said the municipality was diligently looking into it, and he was pleased they are. “I am adamant that if we’re going to have a transportation system in municipality of Highlands East or in the county, that it’s both

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# High-speed internet in the works for HE, audience hears

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ways. Not going out, bringing people into our township. Not taking people out of here for our businesses' sake and different people around." Burton said they are exploring all options, including Uber.

Ellis said the Canadian Chamber has made their position quite clear on providing more rural transport, and has taken that to the federal government. "The federal government has assured us that they are going to be looking into ways of providing and funding and going into partnerships to provide more transportation for these rural areas to get people to their jobs, get people to their appointments, and stuff like that. So it is coming down the pipeline, and the funding is going to be eventually be there because the federal government has been approached already."

McKenzie said in Cardiff, partial rural community transportation is already happening. "We aren't going to be able to change the fact that Cardiff people and Paudash Lake, they shop in Bancroft, their doctor's in Bancroft, our hospital's in Bancroft." McKenzie said he was "totally in support of anything we do for public transportation," to support transportation for residents.

Fredricks said the TROUT system helped the Cardiff community get seniors and youth to the swimming pool, and that there was opportunity to expand the transportation service across the region, which he considered important.

## On ice-water rescue

Jenn Woolacott, who identified herself as a proud member of the fire department, said that almost every winter there is an unfortunate accident in which some-



Mike Jaycock, right, was the moderator at the Highlands East all-candidates meeting.

one fell through the ice. "It's not a good feeling standing on the shore and knowing you can't go out there to help them due to political or money issues," she said. She asked the mayoral candidates to comment on ice water rescue.

Ellis said she couldn't understand why ice water rescues weren't being done given the number of lakes in the area and the number of accidents in which people fall through. "There is training, because you can go up to the Ontario fire college ... in Gravenhurst, and they do do the training right there for ice water rescue. So even if we, say we send a team of, I don't know, sent five people up for ice-water rescue, and then the insurance and that. But you know something, maybe the insurance is going to be expensive, but to keep losing people through the ice, I think that's more costly."

Burton replied: "Right now the province are changing the protocol and we're mid-stream of that. I would fully support doing ice and water rescue when the regulations get in place, but right now I can-

not, and I will not, until the regulations from the province are laid down to us. And I thought, maybe, my counterpart might have known that."

## On cell/internet service

Ted Morris approached the microphone to say he was getting phone calls from Bell and Rogers, who were telling him they do not serve the area, and that he would like to see more push from council to help everyone have access to better services.

Kauffeldt said high-speed internet services and better cell service were essential to encourage better business. "Businesses aren't brick and mortar anymore, it's moving away from that ... and we need better internet to support that."

Partridge said she understands Morris's frustration, as she doesn't have internet though she lives on Hwy. 28. She said the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is working on the issue, and that there has been a commitment from the provincial government for funding for cellphone service, and to expand high-speed internet. "Fingers crossed, I'm hoping to get it," she said.

Burton said he has been involved in the project to get internet in eastern Ontario for 10 years. "I believe it's going to happen, I can say it's in the mail, I can say it's been happening for six or seven years now, but I guarantee in the next four years, we will have high-speed internet service to every home in eastern Ontario."

## On housing

Hilda Clark asked all candidates to weigh in on housing, and the importance of affordable housing, in particular for

seniors and young people coming to the area.

Fredricks said through his work on committees, he's learned that the size of houses needs to be reduced, and that financial institutions can make it prohibitive for young people to be involved. He suggested a program helping young people is necessary.

Kauffeldt said he has sat on a housing and grants committee, and that types of housing was a focus, and lowering square footage for houses so they are affordable. "We need young people to come here," he said. He acknowledged the senior population, but said if young people aren't moving here, their houses can't be sold. "It's a crisis," he said.

Deterling said there is a definite need for affordable housing for all ages. He said it's important to put trades back into local schools to encourage youth to get a trade and stay in the area so they can build and finance their house, and that seniors living in their residences needed help and encouragement to stay in their homes.

Russell said she is definitely in favour of low-income housing, having been herself on a waiting list for five years, which she said caused chaos in her life.

McKenzie said a zoning bylaw had been passed so the minimum size of approved housing was reduced, and that the building of an apartment or second suite in existing housing was approved as long as it meets code.

Burton said his hands are tied with the province to put more affordable housing in due to existing sewer/water infrastructure. He said he's hoping with the new provincial government, it might be easier to have units like that in place.

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# Foundation transfers more than \$1M to HHHS

JENN WATT

Editor

The last fiscal year, community donations have supported a new palliative centre, bone mineral densitometry equipment, a portable ultrasound, CBC analyzer, accessible bathtub, emergency response units, furniture and a treatment table for physiotherapy.

In other words: "Another good year for the foundation," according to John West of Grant Thornton LLP, which conducted this year's audit.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation held its annual general meeting on Sept. 20 and was presented with the financial statements that reflected a strong year of fundraising with more than \$1 million flowing to HHHS corporation.

"Overall, I think it's been a very good year for the foundation. Again, the revenue's up. Contributions to the corporation are up. Obviously the projects captured the interest of the community," West said.

Lisa Tompkins, executive director of the foundation, said total funding transfers to HHHS between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 were \$1,038,950.

"We're proud to say that the equipment really reflects the spectrum of health-care service delivery over the year. So of course the palliative centre construction was the lion's share of that ... but for diagnostics, [there was] bone mineral densitometry, which was a longstanding project that we raised funds for in pretty well the 18 months preceding its arrival," she said, noting purchases for the emergency, long-term care, physiotherapy and community support departments.

The palliative centre, which required a \$1.25 million investment from the foundation, opened last August. Tompkins thanked Dale Walker, the previous executive director, for successfully organizing the Making Moments Matter campaign that brought in that money.

"We reached our fundraising goal before construction was completed," Tompkins said.

The foundation has four key fundraisers throughout the year: the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic, the Cash for Care Lottery, the radiothon and Believe in the Magic of Giving Christmas giving campaign.

In 2017, the golf classic brought in \$57,100 for bone densitometry; the radiothon raised \$28,500 for a portable ultrasound, Cash for Care brought in \$34,500 and the Christmas campaign was responsible for \$127,600. HHHS also raises money through the Todd's Independent Curl for Care bonspiel, sealed bid art auctions, teddy bear program, planned giving and gifts in memory of others.

The meeting featured a presentation by Darcy Burke, who spoke on behalf of his daughter Morgan Burke of The Birds and the Bees Honey. Burke said his daughter was looking to give back to the community and decided she'd fundraise for health care. She is selling specially marked honey around the county with a portion of sales



Jim Mitchell and Don Popple were thanked for their years of dedication to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation during the foundation's AGM on Thursday, Sept. 20. Presented with wood carvings by local artist Terry Adair, the two men reflected on what the board, and health services, meant to them. From left, HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins, Jim Mitchell, Don Popple and HHHSF board chair Peter Oyler. /JENN WATT Staff

going to HHHS. She also organized an open house on Sunday, Sept. 23 with opportunities to sponsor parts of the business, including the hives, queen bee, worker bees, drones, etc. When you sponsor the bees, you get products created by the bees, and a portion of the sponsorship goes to HHHSF.

"It's a lovely new third party fundraising event," said Tompkins.

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer provided the group with context about the impact donor money is having on local health care. She said in the last fiscal year, there were 47 admissions to the palliative centre with 60 per cent of them involving a cancer diagnosis. The accessible washroom in the suite has been praised by those using the space as well as HHHS staff and by visitors conducting an accessibility audit of the facility.

The telemedicine equipment, which benefited from Cash for Care dollars, has been upgraded with a bigger screen with sharper images. In the last fiscal year, there were 1,400 Ontario Telemedicine Network clinical visits in the telemedicine suite, accounting for 400,000 kilometres of travel and 8,000 hours of time saved for patients.

The bone densitometry service began in January and from then until March of this year, 133 clients were served. Plummer said she'd like to see an increase in the number of days it's offered each week as it's "wildly popular."

She indicated that because HHHS is a co-lead on the recently launched Youth Wellness Hub in Haliburton,

there will be funding needs coming.

## Popple, Mitchell, Morrison leave board

The HHHSF board gave a hearty thanks to three board members who will not be returning. Scotty Morrison, Jim Mitchell and Don Popple are each leaving the board.

Morrison wasn't at the meeting, however both Mitchell and Popple were present to receive handmade sculptures from local artist Terry Adair and words of appreciation from board chairman Peter Oyler and Tompkins.

Popple will remain on the finance committee. Tompkins said his contributions had been "immeasurable."

Popple has been with the foundation since 1997 and said he treasured being part of the team. He recalled when they were first setting out, raising money for two new facilities in Minden and Haliburton.

He remembered getting together with Hugh Nichol and David Gray asking 12 local businesses to give \$25,000 apiece. They agreed to meet in a few days' time.

"When we showed up to the meeting we had \$300,000. Nobody said no. Nobody," Popple said.

Along the way, the board has had good team players, he said.

"The foundation can only be successful if that's what you've got. You've got to have a strong team."

Mitchell, who joined the board in 2001, said it had been a privilege and honour to serve on the board.

"I'll miss everybody around the room," he said.

"I'm very proud of what we have achieved as a team and a group over the years."

Tompkins noted that Mitchell was a regular fixture at fundraising events, willing to step up to help.

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# Retirement facility would include 120 units

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The proposal includes plans for a four-storey facility, with a possible walk-out basement. Soil testing is to be completed on the property to see what is possible.

Mardimae said that previous OMB rulings regarding previous proposals for the property had been taken into consideration. The gross square footage of the project would be approximately 75,000, or about half of one of the previously proposed condominium buildings.

The facility, to be built in two phases, would include a total of approximately 120 units – 75 or so constructed in the first phase.

Building in phases is less capital intensive, Mardimae said, and "then we have a better read on the market," indicating that based on reaction to the first phase, what the community needs and desires can be incorporated into the second.

Units, consisting of either single bedrooms or bedrooms grouped with sitting areas, would be rented by tenants, and main floors would include common areas, dining facilities, theatre, chapel, etc. There would be a mixture of independent living and assisted-living units, and Mardimae explained that his company's facilities are designed to allow seniors to age in place.

The company has a conditional offer in on the property, and while it is believed the proposal complies with the property's existing zoning, is looking for three minor variances to proceed with the project.

One would be a reduction in minimum size of units from 50 square metres to 40 square metres – which equates to approximately 430 square feet. Mardimae said unit size in his company's facilities typically range from about 350 to 600 square feet in size.

Another minor variance would request the number of required parking spaces be reduced from 1.2 parking stalls per unit to 0.5.

"The average age is about 86, so very few residents drive," Mardimae said, adding that one of the company's existing buildings has a ratio of 0.4 parking spaces per unit. He added he'd rather see most of the property remain green, rather than black, and said there would be additional space on the property to construct more park-

ing space should it be required in the future.

"We have a bus for the residents, that takes them off-site and back on," Mardimae said.

A third minor variance request is to reduce the number of required loading areas from two to one.

"We have maybe a couple of deliveries a week," Mardimae said.

Planning staff said notification of the variance applications would be circulated this week, as per the public planning process, and would come before the municipality's committee of adjustment on Oct. 10.

Mardimae said his hope was that construction would commence in the spring.

"It's a 2019 project, in our eyes," he said.

Councillor Dennis Casey asked what the monthly rental rate would be.

"We don't have a number yet," Mardimae said. He said fees typically range between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per month, depending on the type of unit. That includes care, three meals a day in the dining room and other

services.

"This is really so exciting," said Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts. "We know this is a need in our community."

Roberts asked Mardimae if his company was strictly the builder, or the builder and operator of its facilities.

Mardimae said the operation of the facilities is contracted out to a Stouffville-based company Elder Care.

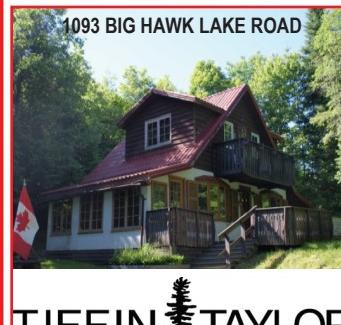
Roberts asked how many jobs might be created by the facility. Mardimae said likely about 30, a combination of full-time and part-time positions. The facilities are staffed around the clock.

Fearrey said some of the community's older residents moving into the proposed facility should mean freeing up some local housing stock.

"They allow young families to buy them," he said.

Fearrey added the construction process could also create some jobs for tradespeople.

"There's jobs there . . . if you're competitive, you're going to have a chance," he said.



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## Townships looking at contingency plans in case of postal strike

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Staff Reporter

Three of Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships are using mail-in ballots for the Oct. 22 municipal elections, and are looking at contingency plans in case a strike by Canada Post workers proceeds.

Canada Post's unionized workers and the Crown failed to reach a new contract deal by the end of August, and a strike deadline for this week – Sept. 26 – has been put in place.

The municipalities of Dysart et al, Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands all plan to use mail-in ballots (polling stations are also open locally on election day).

In Dysart, some 13,000 voter kits are to be mailed out. "We do have some scenario plans in place," Dysart municipal clerk Cheryl Coulson told the paper.

In Highlands East, staff are also working on contingency in case of a postal strike.

"Highlands East is most definitely creating a contingency plan but until such time that we have confirmation of a strike or disruption in services we will be limited on sharing specific details as not to cause confusion for our electors," an email from clerk Robyn Rogers reads. "We will continue to update our website, social media [and local media] as we receive more information. In the event of a strike or disruption it is so important to get those details out to our voters as quickly as possible relying heavily on all avenues of media."

In Minden Hills, the October election will be the second one to use internet and telephone voting, in addition to polling stations.

# points of view



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Dusk at Soyers Lake

by Darren Lum

## Mail-in voting

**T**HE THREAT of a postal strike this week is yet another flashing sign that it's time to modernize our voting practices.

Last year, Dysart et al council deliberated about whether to continue with mail-in ballots or switch to internet/telephone voting. Councillors acknowledged that the future was online, but said with a large senior population, it didn't seem the time was right to make a change.

No one could have predicted a labour dispute would make landfall as this year's election approached, but it has and it's making clear how much better a diversified system would be.

In Minden Hills, the municipality is heading into its second election using a blended system of online, telephone and in-person voting. In 2014, they ran their first election with the system and their clerk reported back to council that it was "well-received" with 74 per cent of ballots cast either online or by phone. Only 26 per cent of people chose to vote using a paper ballot.

Those stats were good enough for Minden Hills' council, which chose to sign up for the same scenario again this year. They're the only municipality in the county to do so and if a postal strike or lock-out happens, it should have less impact on the vote.

Setting aside the rare circumstances of 2018, it also just makes sense to increase the avenues for voting. Turnout for municipal elections is often quite low, with less than half of eligible voters casting a ballot in the last election. Maybe



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## Editorial

### Faultless

Congratulations to

Hike Haliburton on another fantastic year. As usual, thousands signed up for excursions across the Highlands, taking in scenic vistas and getting up close to the area's flora and fauna. For those hiking on Friday, there was even some wild weather to contend with.

The hike I took was with geologist John Etches, who told the story of Haliburton's formation, and the role faults played in creating the lakes and valleys that make this land so beautiful.

Beyond providing a tourist attraction and a celebration of the outdoors, Hike Haliburton also helps us better understand the place we live – through exploration.

Thank you to all of the organizers who put this festival on each year.

new voters could be reached if the methods of voting were modernized.

Many of us shop online, bank online and even file our taxes online. It's not a stretch to add voting to that list.

And for those who aren't comfortable with internet or phone voting, there's always the option of voting in person.

Some conversation was had around the Dysart council table last year about the cost of doing a combined internet/phone/in-person system, which would be more expensive for sure, but likely only \$10,000 more than the current \$53,000 for mail-in only.

The majority of councillors decided it wasn't time to make the switch just yet.

It's clear the time has now come.

## Good conversations

**I**WAS HOME visiting my parents on the weekend and my mother and I went to a local apple orchard/farm to pick apples. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we had a lot of fun.

When we went to pay for our apples the owner told us that all the proceeds were going to the Acton Aqua Ducks Swim Club ([actonaquaducks.ca](http://actonaquaducks.ca)). She has been working with the Aqua Ducks for 19 years and helps every year with a variety of fundraising projects to support their teams. We had a long conversation about my involvement with the pool in the mid-to-late-1970s when I was on the high school swim team and was a lifeguard and swim instructor.

It warmed my heart to hear how the swimming programs and teams have continued to expand for the past 40 years.

The pool is now called The Acton Lions Indoor Pool. Acton has a population of 9,000 and in addition to the pool (which was built onto a school) the town has a hockey arena and an indoor soccer arena. The town has figured out how to make it all work to meet the needs of a variety of ages, interests and abilities in the community.

As our municipal election approaches I am very interested to hear what our candidates have to say about a swimming pool in Haliburton County. It is a conversation that will not be going away.

We all hear regularly of people who are driving to Bracebridge for swimming lessons and shopping, or off to Bobcaygeon for swimming lessons and dinner. If we really want to encourage young people to come and live in our county, and raise their families, we need to put our money where our mouth is and provide the services that all young families want.

Swimming is accessible from the time a child is born until they are a senior. Water therapy and fitness is essential for people who have injuries or chronic pain. Seniors who want to be active year round would benefit from a pool. If we want to continue to attract excellent doctors we need services that they want in order to raise their families and stay fit themselves.

Yes, a pool does cost a lot of money and we, the residents of our county, deserve it.

We all happily support the funding of our hockey arenas and they are well used by the people who play hockey and skate all winter. No one questions that. But there are lots of people who don't or can't play hockey or skate. They need alternatives. It will take a strong vision, leadership, time, fundraising, cooperation, inspiration and lots of energy to make a pool happen.

We need it. We deserve it. Let's elect the people who are willing to have the conversations and work towards solutions.

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# points of view

## Razor heel

THIS MORNING I was going through my sock drawer, as I am apt to do, when I noticed almost every pair of my socks was ripped at the same place in the heel. After showing them to Jenn, I then stated the obvious conclusion.

"We have a mouse problem," I said.

Jenn rolled her eyes in that strange way I have noticed women do when they find themselves in the presence of irresistibility. Then she said the words that almost changed my life.

"I think that has more to do with your razor-like heels," she said.

"I have razor-like heels?" I replied.

"Yes," she said. "You do."

I'm not going to lie. At first, I did not know how to react to that statement. After all, it is not every day the person you love points out that you have a great superpower.

I guess it had to happen sooner or later. You see, like most man-children, I have been dreaming of the day when my superpower would be revealed to me.

Of course, I never expected it to happen in such a nonchalant way and without a hint of radioactivity. I figured it would show sometime after being bitten by a chemically-altered squirrel.

What can I say? The heart wants what the heart wants.

Somehow razor-like heels never occurred to me.

Yet, now there is nothing to do but ponder the million dollar question: how do I use my superpower for good? After that, there will be the two million dollar question: how will I wear superhero leotards with these darn razor-like heels?

These are the questions every superhero must answer for himself. I know this because Jenn told me so.

It's all so daunting.

There are the technical matters involved in superheroing. For instance, razor-like heels are a formidable tool, but will this mean I have to wear strapless sandals in winter? Or will I have to undo my shoelaces and take off my shoes every time I run into a villain or situation where razor heels would come in handy – say for instance, if someone was trapped by a villain in a gigantic sock?

I was hoping for a superpower that was less quirky. Then again, I'm sure Spider-Man was not immediately enthralled by the idea of web building either.

I suppose Razor Heel is as good a name as any. I also suspect it will take a few situations where I am of service to the citizenry before I am one day invited to work at the Hall of Justice, provided, of course, they don't have expensive shag carpets.

Clearly this is a daunting responsibility that was thrust upon me, a mild mannered columnist. And it is made all the worse by the lack of phone booths in the area.

Being in the initial stages of discovering my superpower I am now at a point where I wish to deny its existence. Soon, of course, I will grudgingly accept it and then have an inner struggle where one part of me wants to use my power to help mankind and the other part of me is tempted to use it for evil, which pays way better at the executive level.

It could go one way or the other. Or I could just moisturize.



## Loon Tales

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## pic of the past

The year was 1951 and as you can see by this photo a large crowd turned out to a Red Cross dance in the Legion auditorium in Haliburton. Identified in this photo are Norm Grose, far left, and Hugh Burke, front and centre. The Haliburton Red Cross Society held an annual dance at the Legion Hall into the late 1970s. It was one of the main highlights of the year. /From the Echo archives

## letters to the editor

### Short-term rental bylaw requires further study

To the Editor,

An email arrived at our house today, and I feel that it totally misrepresented what was said at the all-candidates meeting in Highlands East. The email would have you believe that present council is pressing ahead with a bylaw regardless of community opinion, on the issue of short-term rentals. When in fact, council members including Mayor Dave Burton said they were in favour of short-term rentals. Short-term rentals are good for the economy. They are an important way to introduce our area to others. What Mayor Burton and council members expressed concern about, were the few cottage renters that rent to irresponsible and inconsiderate individuals, the overtaxing of sewer and water systems (due to too many people) and safety, in particular fire.

Everyone agreed that the proposed bylaw in its present form would not work. Enforcing a bylaw would be next to impossible but the cottagers who are being negatively affected have to be taken into consideration.

Once again the few spoil it for the many. The question remains, how to weed out the few and teach them to be responsible. As was mentioned by the candidates it requires further study and consultation with the community.

The internet allows anonymity and access to a large audience. It's important for the audience to verify the facts before accepting everything as gospel.

Patricia Russell  
Highlands East

### Cookie campaign has VDO smiling

To the Editor,

Smile Cookie Week has just ended for 2018 and the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County would like to thank Tim Hortons owner Nancy Bishop and all her amazing managers and staff for their tremendous effort and support in promoting the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign. We also would like to thank all the Haliburton Lions Club members, Heike Roome, Alana Bannister, Kelsey Russell, Jonah Aldom and Dr. John Purc who assisted the board members and Tim Hortons

bakers in decorating cookies. Thank you to Canoe FM and Moose FM for advertising Smile Cookie Week and last but definitely not least, thank you to all who supported this cause by purchasing Smile Cookies. Volunteer Dental Outreach will use the funds raised to continue to provide free dental care to hundreds of adults in the county who cannot afford dental care.

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# Dysart et al – Candidate Q&A

The Echo sent the following questions to all candidates running for a seat at the council table in Dysart et al.

## The Questions:

1. Provide an introduction to yourself. (This could be about how you came to the area, your hobbies and interests, family life, education, accomplishments.)
2. What is the most important issue facing Dysart et al today? As a council member, how would you address that issue?

3. Are there services or facilities you would like to see in Dysart et al that don't already exist? If elected, how would you go about making them a reality?

4. Explain how climate change is impacting Dysart et al, and what council can do to help mitigate its effects.

5. The chamber of commerce and local businesses have raised concerns that there are not enough young adults and young families choosing to live in the Highlands. This has led to shortages in some fields (skilled trades, for example) and fewer children and youth in the community. What can council do to attract and retain young people?

The ballots will be going out in the mail this week. Election day is Oct. 22. For more information on voting, contact the municipal office.

Next week, we will feature the Q&A from Highlands East candidates.

**Candidate responses on pages 8 through 14**



## Murray Fearrey

*Candidate - Mayor*

1. I was born and completed high school here. Except for my early years working in the Office at General Motors I have lived here. During that time I have married, raised a family and owned business interests in Dysart. As a result I can relate to the youth of the community, what it's like to leave the area and return, and the issues facing businesses and seniors. For the past 24 years I have had the privilege of serving the municipality as councillor, reeve, warden and recently mayor. My collective accomplishments to date include hospitals, a medical facility, library, social housing, condo units, and Fleming College. More recently improving cell and internet connectivity and housing and recreation. All of this said we need much more moving forward. All this time, I think we have shown strong leadership controlling taxes and being respectful of the needs of citizens.

2. There are numerous issues facing our community, in fact facing all levels of government, whether it be cell/internet connectivity, infrastructure needs such as buildings services, roads, our growing and aging population, and course the evolving needs of businesses, families and youth. For every person that tells me they want to see taxes raised to fund improvements in the municipality, I have numerous others thanking me for controlling taxes and trying to make services better and more accessible to them. I therefore think the overriding issue facing us is the continued need for responsible, responsive and balanced government, doing the right things at the lowest possible cost. As the readers consider their vote in the upcoming election, I urge them to look to someone with the appropriate leadership skills, and a proven track record that suggests that they can properly manage and leverage change opportunities, establish and maintain required partnerships, and make the balanced decisions required.

3. A project I have been concentrating on will be announced: a senior resident housing facility that is so badly needed. Our main industry is the construction industry, and we need to do more to get our young people trained to keep them here in an industry you can make a living at and grow. Although we have made some progress on the recreation front, there needs to be a longer term vision: a broader Recreation Complex that would benefit all ages and could potentially be funded as a result of a public-private partnership. Such a development would in my view be completed in stages and include initially a regulation soccer field, ball diamonds, lawn bowling, hiking trails, etc., with appropriate out buildings and a vision of sometime in the future a pool and daycare facility. I have already got commitments for a sizeable amount of private sector funding, I know after talking with young families, this is where our community has to be to have a balanced population and economy.

4. The issue of climate change, we look for federal and provincial guidance, however that being said in our own little corner of the world we must remain vigilant to what phenomena are impacting our lives in this regard. We have always tried to be environmentally responsible with our water, lakes, forests, and wildlife and will continue to be more focused on these natural necessities of life. It necessitates that we work closely with the tourism industry and others to understand the pressures facing them and any measures we might implement to mitigate

them. Extreme storms are adversely affecting bridge, culvert and road maintenance requiring increased thought and attention and financing. Municipal leaders will have to be better informed when it comes to safeguarding wildlife, and protecting our area from invasive species, whether in the water, sides of the road, or the forests. More focus, time and education will be required on this issue by your mayor and I am committed to spend the time.

5. Our task in this area is twofold I believe. We firstly need to provide our youth (and young families) with a wholesome, safe and fulfilling childhood and young adult life here in the Highlands as they prepare for whatever future they may choose. Secondly for those who decide to stay in the area, we need a closer relationship with schools, trades people, to enter the construction, health care, or other opportunity for meaningful and well paid employment. I believe now is the time to look at a recreation complex to further address the more specific recreational needs of youth, young families, and, in fact our general population. I'm also starting to hear that sufficient daycare facilities are lacking and going forward this needs to be addressed as we attract more young families. Perhaps we can move forward a mentorship program to link youth and young adults. I pledge to work with others in the community, as we explore every possible option to attract and retain young people that are such an important part of our future.



## Andrea Roberts

*Candidate - Mayor*

1. I was born in Toronto, graduated from Northern Secondary, then attended University of Ottawa one year and U of T for two years. I moved to Haliburton in 1987 to manage a local restaurant. It was there I met my husband Steve, we married in 1991, and have raised our blended family of three girls here. Two of them still live in the area and the other lives in Ottawa. We are proud grandparents of two boys, one is 11, the other a newborn. Steve and I owned Roberts Austin Fuels and sold the business in 2011. I've always been a person who liked to get involved and have served on many boards, organizations and volunteered for numerous events. I was the Ward 1 councillor since 2006 to 2014, and am currently the deputy mayor. As well as keeping busy on council I enjoy many activities, especially walking around Head Lake, riding my bike, skiing at Sir Sam's, curling, and swimming. I'm the founder and chair of Rotary Music in the Park which has just finished its fifth successful year. I'm a big reader, love cooking and having friends and family for dinner. I feel blessed to live in Haliburton but love to travel.

2. There are so many issues facing Dysart today but without proper planning in place it's easy to get pulled in several directions, and then we end up making short term decisions. I would say because of that, having a strategic plan that looks to the future, 10 to 20 years ahead, will help council stay on track and prioritize. A strategic plan may take a bit of time so in the first month I would implement an information, education and goal setting strategy for this term of council. This would involve all of council and department heads. We need to understand the current plans and projects, future needs as well as realizing our limitations in municipal government. Environment and our landfills, housing, economic development and asset management of our roads, buildings and parks, and better communication with the pub-

lic would all be on the agenda.

3. One thing I have been advocating for but have not been able to move forward is a renovation of the upstairs of the arena. It is an existing space that is under-utilized for many reasons. The kitchen needs a major overhaul, the acoustics are terrible, the lighting is outdated, and it needs to be accessible. If it were renovated the municipality could offer senior's programming and rent the space out to more groups for events or ongoing activities such as fitness classes.

We have a fabulous new facility in Harcourt and I would work with their board to look at ways to promote the space. The West Guilford board has been around for a long time and they work closely with Dysart staff to keep that building in good repair and there are many activities there.

Dysart has added many new recreation programs over the last four years since we have hired a dedicated program coordinator, such as swimming lessons, junior baseball, walking Wednesdays, ball hockey and many more. I would encourage members of the public to get involved and be on the recreation committee so we can offer new and innovative programs in that department. Our museum programming has grown over the years thanks to the dedicated staff there and they are always willing to try new things to engage the public.

4. Climate change is most definitely impacting Dysart and we have to plan accordingly. Washouts and repairs due to severe storms have cost us a lot of money in the last few years. On Museum Rd and Bayshore alone we have had two major washout events in the last couple of years. We need to budget enough for what we used to call rare occurrences. It also means we need to maintain, build and design for major weather events. On the other side we need to see what we can do to reduce our energy uses. We have had an environment committee but it is only made up of members of council and staff. There are many qualified people within our community who could serve on this committee and share their expertise.

5. Years ago when I moved here there were very few full-time year-round jobs. It was not uncommon to be unemployed in the winter. We are in a construction boom and I have talked to many builders who have work throughout the year but are behind because they don't have enough qualified employees. The Home Builders currently have an excellent video on social media that is promoting the job opportunities here. This issue isn't only felt in the building sector, retail and other services are also affected and help wanted signs can be seen in many stores. Dysart is a wonderful place to raise a family and most that live here do so because they don't want to be anywhere else. Promoting our area as a great place to raise a family means having things for them to do. It also means looking at the housing market and seeing what council can do to encourage more rental and lower cost housing options. Engaging the young families in our community and asking what they need and want could help us to bring more families here.

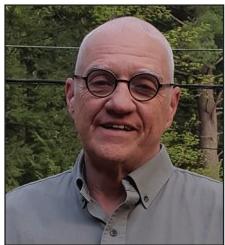
The municipality needs to work with the Chamber, BIA, Home Builders, schools, and other groups to stay connected to the needs and do what we can to promote our area as an ideal place to raise a family.

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# Dysart et al – Candidate Q&A



## Dennis Casey

Candidate – Deputy Mayor

1. As a lifetime resident of Haliburton, together with my wife Roxanne Casey (station manager for Canoe FM) we have raised our now adult twin daughters locally. Our children both now live and work in Haliburton and are raising our four grandchildren here.

With a diploma in Financial Management Business Administration from Fleming College I have been self-employed for many years. I currently operate Roxden Management Services.

I have spent my working life in the road/heavy construction and within the tourism industry. My family owned and operated Birch Point Lodge on Lake Kashagawigamog from 1922-1996. This background has given me necessary background for potential issues stemming from our road's infrastructure and a strong appreciation for the challenges and the rewards of tourism here in Haliburton County.

Giving back to the community in which you live is very important. Over the years I have volunteered for the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, and Canoe FM where I host a bluegrass program. Several committees on which I have been a member include Fleming College, Getaway Country, Ontario Chamber of Commerce and Central Ontario Tourism Association. It is with great pride that as a result of my successful bid I secured Haliburton County's first Ontario Senior Games in 2011. On a final note, I am currently treasurer of the Haliburton Highlands Resources Center (charitable arm of HHOA).

2. Definitely economic development. A healthy economy is interconnected and means a healthy community. A strong local economy will provide a draw for potential business which in turn provides jobs thus providing residents with a more comfortable lifestyle and more disposable income to spend within their community.

I believe Dysart et al should commit to improving our local economy so that businesses and residents alike can realize the benefits in the form of more jobs, better wages and expanded government services.

We all want to be part of a vibrant community while living in a location that suits our needs and interests, where innovation and entrepreneurship thrive. Our community should provide quality health care, affordable housing, transportation, improved cell service, shopping, dining and more to thrive. For this we require new business to settle and invest here and become part of our community structure.

The Economic Development Committee mandate should be to serve as advocate and ambassadors to assist new business in settling here by helping navigate the municipal process and identifying resources. Our Industrial Park is zoned to accommodate many types of businesses and therefore it is time to open the second phase of the Park services with the adequate services and infrastructure in place.

3. The biggest void we have in Haliburton County is the lack of internet and cell phone service. We are not alone as most of rural Ontario is struggling with the lack thereof. Through the efforts of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) it is improving. Haliburton County has invested some \$505,000 which in turn spurred a \$11,000,000 investment by private enterprise to help improve our internet and cell phone services. The county further invested another \$186,000 to expand our municipal broadband to enhance our municipal services.

Currently the county has approved a \$40,000 contribution to a much-needed broadband gap analysis. This analysis will show how much it will cost to bring fibre to everyone's home here in Haliburton County and hopefully giving us at least 50Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speeds.

As a sitting member of county council, I will support the EORN initiatives in continuing its efforts to fill our internet and cell phone void.

4. The changing climate is having an impact on our municipality specifically with our road system. Instead of moments of gentle rain, we are now experiencing short periods of wilder weather causing extensive damage. In the past five years we spent between \$300,000 and \$400,000 on road repairs due to sudden heavy down

pours and extensive flooding. Climate change is also affecting our road surfaces in that there are fewer cold days and more hot days. This results in the deterioration of the road surface resulting in such deficiencies as pot holes, cracking and pavement softening.

In planning for future road repairs and maintenance as well as future new construction the municipality is looking at better ditch design and culvert sizing in order to accommodate the massive amounts of water and the varying temperature differences we are now experiencing.

As chair of the Environmental and Conservation Committee our committee has looked at various initiatives in doing our part to mitigate climate change in some small way in our municipality. Over the last term we have actively investigated Bio Digesting for septage, Methane gas extraction at the Haliburton Landfill and Bio Energy production for the village of Haliburton. I believe we should continue to work on all climate change issues to ensure that we are doing our part in whatever way we can.

5. I will refer back to my comments in answering Question 2. Young people, particularly those with young families, need the security and comfort of well-paying jobs. They also need to feel that they belong and are entrenched in our community. This is one of the reasons why economic development is so important. We should, in addition to other initiatives, be supporting and promoting the availability of day care facilities, identifying employment skill shortages and identifying business opportunities. As deputy mayor of Dysart et al I would work with and encourage my fellow councillors to push forward with our Economic Development plan as presented to council in May 2016 that addresses the issues of attracting and retaining not only young people but individuals that would invest in our community to ensure growth and sustainability.



## Patrick Kennedy

Candidate – Deputy Mayor

1. I grew up in Harcourt and Haliburton. My wife Cheryl and I raised our two daughters here, and they are now raising their families here. I understand the challenges young families face here, from day care shortages, the high cost of living, lack of housing options, poor internet and cell coverage, to the limited recreational opportunities for families.

I bring lots of experience to the table.

I have served on a number of local committees and organizations including the Dysart Economic Development Committee, the HHHS Board and am a past president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

I have also served on or chaired a number of regional and provincial boards and committees including chair of the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board, and was appointed by Premier Eves as the first executive director for the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission.

I owned and operated a store in Haliburton, and enjoyed a long career as a paramedic. The final eight years, I served as the director of emergency services for the county before retiring in 2014.

As director of emergency services I gained valuable knowledge and understanding of the budgeting process, managing a unionized workforce, developing and delivering new innovative programs and initiatives, and the ability to work with municipal and provincial partners.

I currently sit on the board of directors of the Haliburton County Development Corporation. This opportunity allows me to stay current with the challenges, issues and opportunities our business community faces.

2. I think the municipality has reached a point where we need to reassess our strengths, weaknesses and adjust our future goals and objectives as necessary.

I will recommend that council and staff develop a three to five year operational plan to address a variety of identified challenges including aging infrastructure, internet, housing options, economic stimulus, and develop solutions and goals for each.

A strong well defined, prioritized, and budgeted three to five year plan will be an asset as we move forward.

Funds are limited and we need to be able to maximize both available funds and the human resources necessary to carry out our objectives.

Proper planning will enable staff to be vigilant in examining options and potential partnerships or alternate funding opportunities that align with our objectives if they have been included in the development of our goals.

I believe when we all (council, public, and staff) know where we want to be with a clear roadmap, then success is achievable.

Our current committee structure and their Terms of Reference should be reviewed to ensure they have the direction and ability to make meaningful recommendations for council consideration.

We have an extraordinary pool of experienced people here in Dysart who are more than willing to help our community move forward in a positive way. It is important as a council that we listen to such people and seek their advice.

3. I believe the availability of reliable cost efficient high speed internet service is the single largest influence on our future. Many studies have detailed the benefits to improving quality of life by having high speed internet available in rural areas. Here are a few that stand out:

- Brings Local Business to Global Markets
- Educational Opportunities and Healthcare

Broadband brings the opportunity for direct access to education and health care who are otherwise forced to travel long distances for college courses or medical treatment.

- Increases Area Job Growth

Business brings jobs, and high-speed internet brings businesses such as historically urban businesses like graphic design, website design, and other creative industries to experience life in rural settings while competing on the same level as city-based companies.

- Enables individuals to start or grow a business, or work from home or cottage

- Attracts Visitors to Local Businesses

- Provides residents access to global information and cultural resources.

The County is working with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to increase internet and cell coverage in the County. We need to be prepared to expand and support additional coverage as needed.

I will recommend to council that a team be assembled with a background in business, internet and cell experience to review and recommend options (including municipal broadband solutions) to enhance local coverage in time to work with the installation of enhanced service as we may receive through the EORN program.

4. I strongly believe that mitigation planning for major emergencies is needed now more than ever to ensure the safety of our residents and preservation of our properties.

For example, I am pleased to see that the county was successful in receiving funding to undertake the initial steps to identify and update flood plain mapping, and that staff have been directed to apply for Phase 2 funding this fall. This data will be extremely important as flood mitigation strategies are developed in the future.

I served as director of emergency services for the County for eight years, which included responsibility for the County Emergency Management Program so have an extensive background in emergency management.

In 2016 I was asked to complete a review and modernization of the Township of Minden Hills Emergency Plan. I have since completed similar updates in the past two years for the County and the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Given the increase in severe weather events, and other impacts on our lives due to climate change, I am pleased with the efforts to date by our local Emergency Management Committees to become better prepared for community emergencies. Public education of how we can all prepare personally to deal with a variety of potential emergencies is the next key component to creating a community that will be better prepared.

I will continue to use my experience with Emergency Management to support programs or strategies that ensure the safety of our property, citizens and visitors.

5. Attracting and retaining young people is one of the toughest challenges facing rural communities. This is a worldwide problem, not just a Highlands issue.

The outflow of young people adversely affects Dysart in a variety of ways, including missed tax revenues from increased development, threatening the viability of our

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local schools, and depressing local economies.

A recent US research document (Center for Rural Entrepreneurship in Lincoln, Nebraska) identified these five requirements for keeping or attracting young people or families. There are many reports with similar conclusions.

1. High-speed internet.
2. Investment in "youth priorities"
3. Provide entrepreneurial opportunities for young people
4. Actively engage and consult youth.
5. Market your community to attract young people.

Council can be the leader and advocate by providing a welcoming environment. Achieving success will require a multi-pronged approach, working with a variety of stakeholders including HCDC, Chamber of Commerce, financial and educational institutions, and provincial/federal partners to:

1. Recognize, and improve where necessary existing community assets,
2. Identify and work toward obtaining or creating key missing ingredients, including
  - a. Creation of a registry of Haliburton County companies looking to divest within 5-10 years.
  - b. Create a program that provides incentives for those companies to hire and train young entrepreneurs.
  - c. Investigate the possibility of starting a Community Economic Development Investment Fund program to create a local pool of capital for investment.
  - d. Examine opportunities to create housing solutions that contribute to a vibrant community atmosphere.
  - e. Create and actively promote a "business positive" atmosphere within Dysart.



## Bram Lebo

Candidate – Councillor Ward 1

1. I've been in Dysart for ten years full time, 20 in total. Like many people here, I'm a small business owner working in Haliburton Village, where I own The Highlander and a part-time law practice. I'm running for council because the skills and experience I've built over the years can help our town solve some of its problems and move forward. My focus has always been on getting things done, setting plans for the long term and making them happen.

What's amazing about Dysart is that, here, everyone can be themselves. It's a place where your individuality is respected, but we work together towards community goals. While many places in the world have been overrun with development, Dysart is relatively unspoiled. This is truly a place of opportunity, where each of us can work on what's important to us and where we can show the rest of Canada, and the world, what a healthy, sustainable rural community looks like.

Our town is run competently and efficiently. But we have no long-term plan. Without one, development is random and we have no idea what kind of town we'll have twenty years from now. Planning is essential. After all, how can you get somewhere if you don't know where you're going? If elected, residents can be sure I'll represent them in making sure we get those plans, so that our future is one we decide for ourselves.

When I'm not working, I love to fish, work on the house and explore our county. I've been on the board of the Chamber of Commerce for the last four years, served five on the board of HHHS and four on the Dysart Economic Development Committee. I've also been a volunteer host on Canoe FM on and off since 2008. You can find more about me and why I'm running on my website, at bramlebo.ca.

2. It would have to be housing. I've looked at the census data and done the numbers: 55% of us are 55 or over. While nearly every one of us would prefer to stay in their house forever, the reality is that few of us get to make that choice. We get older, and a detached house becomes more and more difficult to manage.

At some point, nearly all of us will need safe, maintenance-free housing, without wood to carry or driveways to shovel. Otherwise, we will have to leave. And every

one of us who leaves takes with them their volunteering, their spending power, their friendships and everything they've put into building our community throughout their lives. It's already happening.

At the same time, younger families are finding it difficult to find and afford housing. That's a big reason they leave, or don't come here in the first place. So yes, housing for all ages needs to be our top priority.

It's good that we've had three condo buildings built in the Village in the last decade, but we need over 1,000 new housing units to accommodate our aging population – where's the plan for that? How will this housing be affordable? I would like to see a Community Development Organization that takes the lead on housing and gets it done. There are examples in Ontario and throughout the world we can follow for how to do that. We can build housing geared to our specific needs: affordable and in a variety of types to suit all ages and family structures.

3. Everywhere I go, seniors are telling me we need a recreation centre with a pool. Everywhere I go, parents of young children tell me the same thing. The fundamental question is: what is in the best interests of our community? If a recreation centre would enhance the quality of life for our residents sufficiently to justify its costs, if it would attract young people and keep seniors here, then it's something we need to look at.

One serious objection to a rec centre is that we can't afford it. Is that true? If you add up what's been spent on arenas in Dysart and Highlands East, and what's planned for Minden, it seems we might have already built a rec centre if our towns had worked together and planned ahead. It's also true that Dysart subsidizes our arena by almost \$600,000 every year; the other municipalities subsidize theirs too. If we put that money together, we may be able to do a lot more than we could as separate towns. As for getting a facility built in the first place, we can look to provincial and federal sources of funds first.

4. Climate change is making our summers wetter and our winters more unpredictable. That has several implications for council. First, if we continue to put all of our eggs in the tourism basket, our economy will be forever dependent on the weather. That's a bad bet, as we can see with businesses that depend on sledding when it doesn't snow enough.

Second, we need to protect our watershed, because it's the reason everyone is here. If climate change and over-development bring invasive species and algae blooms that ruin our lakes, we will have no economy. So we have to enforce the laws we have on the books to stop shoreline destruction and pollution of our waterways. We really don't have a choice if we want to have a healthy, prosperous community, so it's a matter of how that enforcement will be done.

5. Council can help create the conditions that make younger people and families want to live here, starting with housing; as seniors move into the apartments we build in the Village, their older homes can be renovated for new families. We can also look at allowing more rental units attached to existing housing to increase the supply.

Other conditions that council can affect are availability of healthcare and daycare, recreational opportunities, cultural events and programming. We already do much of this, but it needs to be coordinated at the county level with the gaps filled in.

Next, council must demand more accountability from our high school in training our youth for a life here, expanding the coop program and ensuring our students are engaged with their community earlier and more completely. What keeps kids here, or brings them back, is pride in where they come from; that can be nurtured through youth-oriented community projects and by introducing young people to the entrepreneurship and industry happening all around them. It's worth trying to attract a trade school, so trades students stop leaving on a one-way ticket out.

Finally, one by one, let's work to attract small, high-wage businesses to Dysart. We focus a lot on tourism, the one-night-stand of economic development, when other kinds of small business generate better wages, higher job security and year-round economic activity. We have many already – television production companies, design firms, web developers, small manufacturers, educational institutions, value-added food production, arts and artisans ... and of course trades. Together, these types of businesses can add up to an economy with the higher wages families need to do well and prosper.



## Nancy Wood-Roberts

Candidate – Councillor Ward 1

1. My name is Nancy Wood-Roberts, and I am running for re-election in Ward 1. I am a full-time registered nurse at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, a mother to three great daughters and a wonderful step-son. I have lived and worked in Ward 1 for my whole life. My desire to continue being involved in municipal government is driven by my firm belief that our tax dollars should be spent responsibly and on projects and programs that benefit our community as a whole. I have the last four years of experience, as well as I served as the Ward 1 representative from 1998-2003. I went to night school in Peterborough to become an RN while raising three small children at home in Haliburton, and for the last four years, I've chosen to take my shifts over the weekends at the Haliburton Hospital to make myself available for council and committee meetings. I'm committed to helping my community in both my professional and personal life.

2. I would say that housing is the single biggest challenge we're facing in Dysart et al. As a nurse, I see the negative impacts that the lack of safe, affordable housing for our seniors has on their health, vitality and families. I also see how the lack of long-term care beds in our community strands our most vulnerable community members in unsafe housing situations or in acute care hospital beds. Additionally, as the mother of three adult daughters, I know that housing is a huge challenge for young people and young families, whether they are looking for a first apartment or are hoping to purchase a home. We also have a beautiful college campus in our village that desperately needs student housing to allow it to grow. As a member of council, I have sat on our Aging Well Committee and the BIA. Both groups have energetic and ambitious members who strive for the betterment of our community. I have been involved in our Public Planning Committee, which over the past four years has had some very contentious issues. I am committed to supporting any development in our community that is not detrimental to our natural environment, increases the diversity of our housing stock, and provides a safe place for our community members to live. I also feel that we need to continue to lobby our provincial government to support local infrastructure projects, social programs and hospital funding to keep our community members where they belong: safe in our community.

3. Most residents would love to see expanded recreational opportunities for our community and I know the possibility of a public pool has been of great discussion among everyone in Haliburton County. I would like to see all four of the lower tier townships consult with community members and the County to discuss the feasibility of an aquatic centre. Dysart et al does not have the resources to build or maintain a facility like this alone, and I am unwilling to commit the tax dollars of my neighbours to a project that we have not fully considered from a cost perspective. If we could come together as a county and make this happen, a recreational facility with a pool would create jobs, attract young families to our community and provide safe, low impact exercise for all of our community members year round.

Beyond large infrastructure projects, I would like to make our existing facilities work harder for everyone by making them more accessible to all residents. Finding funding opportunities to provide even more recreational programming for all age groups would be important, because I believe the youth recreational programs have been extremely successful in our area.

4. We have already seen a shift in weather patterns here in Haliburton County. Our summers are becoming longer and drier and our winter weather has become less predictable. The longer, warmer summers have been a boon for tourism but our risk of wildfire and toxic algae blooms have increased exponentially. We have more people living on our lakes year-round rather than

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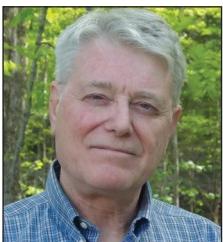
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just seasonally cottaging, and as Haliburton County as a whole grows, our footprint on our natural landscape is constantly expanding. Council can help mitigate the effects of climate change by supporting sustainable development through our planning processes, accounting for the possibility of winters with higher precipitation in our roads management and budgets, and supporting our fire department with funding so they are prepared for increased risk of fire and water rescues in both the summer and winter. As well, working with our partners to protect our shorelines and educating our community about cohabiting with our natural environment are clear ways to help reduce our impact. Continuing our work with septic re-inspections to support our lake health needs to be a priority, as is working with municipal staff and our partners to improve landfill diversion rates. Most importantly, I think we as councillors need to listen to the experts. There is a wealth of information available for local municipalities in dealing with the changes to our climate and it is up to us to do what's right; not just what's easy.

5. A great start would be to support more medium density development, especially in the village of Haliburton. A lot of young people who find jobs in the area struggle to find a place to live. When I was young and newly married, I lived in an apartment above a store on main street before buying my first home. Demand has simply outstripped supply and we need to support initiatives to create more housing that is appealing and affordable for younger professionals. Continuing to push to improve our broadband internet coverage in the Municipality is also important; young people want to feel connected to the world beyond their front door and a lack of basic internet in our community, especially outside of the downtown core, makes the prospect of living in our area less attractive.

I also believe that council needs to continue to support community building measures even in times where budgets are tight and resources are hard to come by. We need to continue to support local groups and community events that provide all of our residents with ways to be involved, live a healthy, economically feasible lifestyle and be entertained here in Dysart et al.



## Larry Clarke

Candidate – Councillor Ward 2

1. Having cottaged since birth, moving to Haliburton on retirement felt like the right move. Quality of life in a cottage community and the enjoyment of a clean, natural environment are very important to me, and I believe need ongoing support and protection. While cottaging on Gull Lake, I participated in the creation of their master Lake Plan, and with our full-time move to Haliburton in 2008, I became involved with the Chamber of Commerce. During that time, I facilitated the business and expansion survey in 2010, and assisted with the development of their advocacy program.

These experiences provided me with an appreciation for proactive planning for our communities, and the connection between services, policies and community initiatives which make a vibrant, healthy and sustainable place to live. This led to my interest in serving a four-year term on Minden Hills council.

Born and raised in Orillia, my career, following a university degree in Environmental Studies, focussed on service and project management for government, legal services and financial institutions in Barrie, Toronto, Chicago and Ottawa. This career required ongoing study in the areas of accounting, planning and technology. I've been fortunate to feed my hobbies with courses in art and construction as well.

I enjoy being actively involved in our community, thoroughly enjoyed my past work on council, and am currently working with the U-Links Centre for Community Research, Friends of Ecological & Environmental Learning, and the Committee of Adjustment in Minden Hills, which adjudicates minor bylaw variances.

2. One of the most significant issues facing Dysart for a sustainable future is the availability of housing

options in our settlement areas. While some headway has been made building condominiums, and upscale developments, pricing, size, location, or apartment-style accommodation make these options affordable or desirable to only a few. At present, we have many seniors, students, and young families looking for a variety of affordable housing, coupled with a shortage of workers for our service and trade businesses.

For Haliburton to be a sustainable community, council must take a leadership role in ensuring that affordable housing options are available which will, in turn, support our local services, recreation assets, learning centres and businesses.

For our valuable seniors to remain in Haliburton, and young adults and families looking to study, work and settle here, council must provide Township resources, engage community partnerships, and County, Provincial and Federal support to enable development of our required housing.

Council can develop an inventory of available property in the village area that may be used for housing and related community services. Council can also amend zoning to allow and encourage rental suites in residential properties as well as engage our government housing partners to collaborate with community groups, local builders and developers in identifying and defining affordable housing needs and solutions.

Without appropriate housing for the residents who make our town and community thrive and survive, we cannot evolve, support and sustain our growing residential population.

3. Two services that will bring spending and people of all ages to town are a pool and a theatre/community complex.

This is a controversial subject that appears at every election, with strong opinions on both sides.

Haliburton County has a long history of recreation related to our arenas, and although a large part of our culture, they are costly to maintain and operate. This impacts funding available for competing recreational options. Periodic review is warranted to ensure that our spending aligns with the needs of our residents, as evidenced by our need to improve community resources for youth, young families and seniors.

There are a number of options and partnerships to be considered in maintaining access to current recreational programs, and determining viability of new facilities and programs. Pool sizes and recreation spaces vary depending on the type of use and affordability, and partnerships with other townships, schools and organizations can impact the cost to develop and operate recreational facilities.

My objective for council would be to assess our recreational needs, including a pool and community complex, evaluate the use and cost of our current facilities and programs, and identify options and alternatives that provide solutions for the sustainability of our community.

We need to think strategically about our spending on all our recreation facilities, explore the options to improve community resources for youth, young families, and seniors, and assess how they support our current residents as well as the Township's long-term vision.

4. Climate change is having a significant impact on residential properties, Township infrastructure, water quality of our lakes and the health of our local economy.

With the increase in seasonal temperatures, we are experiencing more severe storms, increased lake temperatures and longer periods of drought. Severe storms are producing heavy rainfall and high winds, causing damage to homes, properties and both road and hydro infrastructure. Increased lake temperatures are reacting with septic seepage and shoreline runoff to increase weed and algae growth, threatening our water quality, diversity of fish species and potentially, property values.

Our bylaws to protect natural shorelines need to be supported with education on requirements for waterfront management. Waterfront building must include site plans to ensure that new or renovated properties do not have a negative impact on our water quality.

To manage the impact of heavy rain, areas susceptible to flooding or erosion must be mapped to assess the need for drainage upgrades. To prevent high water impact, building standards must be strengthened. In addition, planning for our watersheds needs to include wetland areas that can absorb large volumes of water, and mitigate flooding.

By contrast, long periods of dry, hot weather will increase the threat of fire. Standards for properties and woodlots need to be reviewed and revised to ensure that we are managing these risks.

Additional planning, infrastructure upgrades and bylaw revisions will be costly, but if started now, can prevent expensive rebuilding and be implemented over several years.

5. Haliburton offers amazing small community living for young families and young adults, with good schools, an active arts community, access to lakes and forests, a supportive volunteer team, and no congestion (most of the year).

We have a number of challenges attracting young families to stay or move to Haliburton. The variety and affordability of housing is in short supply. Transportation is an issue, but can be partially remedied with availability of housing in the village. Community recreation options for young adults and families are limited without a community centre, or a pool.

We are fortunate to have Fleming College in our community and a proactive high school with a theater.

Concerns raised by the business community regarding staff shortages, and by many families who would like the opportunity for their children to develop a career in Haliburton can be addressed with leadership, planning and partnerships. Initiatives in the schools to promote well-paying, successful careers by the Chamber of Commerce and local builders need to be supplemented by addressing Provincial barriers to apprenticeship training, and offering related education through Fleming College.

I see these issues as a leadership opportunity and priority for council as it directly impacts the sustainability of our community. At present, responsibility for this planning, and liaising with related levels of government, do not exist. Township staff, with an appropriate budget and achievable objectives, or an outsourced organization such as the Chamber of Commerce, could assume these responsibilities with ongoing financial commitments from the Township.

## David McKay

Candidate – Councillor Ward 2

1. My name is David McKay. I moved to the area when I was about 10 years old and have lived here ever since. After graduating from HHSS, I enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces, but unfortunately I was discharged not long after due to a medical condition. So, I returned to Haliburton and started working in the construction trades and started my family.

I was a volunteer firefighter with two local departments for about twenty years combined and was also involved in Minor Hockey for the same length of time. I loved playing the sport myself and wanted the young kids in our area to have the chance to experience the same great memories I had growing up. I also love the outdoors and natural beauty of the lakes. I take great pride in calling Haliburton my home and that's why I stayed. Walking down the Main Street and having people call you by name is the true meaning of a great community, not just a small town.

2. After speaking with many people just within Ward 2, it has become apparent that many want transparency and feel there has been a lack of it in the past. They also want to be heard.

I believe we need to keep an open approach with public involvement and round table discussions before making choices that effect the people at large and the future of Haliburton. I'm hoping that I can bring new ideas and be a team player to form a better understanding of the needs that people face every day. I plan on working hard to see affordable housing in place to help young families as well as older families maintain a sustainable lifestyle with the ever changing needs of employment and retirement.

3. I would really like to see a recreation complex with  
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a pool, walking track, fitness area as well as rooms for meetings and small events. A facility that can be used by 100 percent of the population. With the declining numbers in hockey, our area needs more than just an ice pad. We need a safe and affordable controlled environment with variety for people of all ages to enjoy. I would like to work closely with the three other municipalities in a county-wide study and approach upper tier governments for grants and funding to make this dream a reality.

4. Climate change, where do we start? With the lack of cold temperature patterns it's making it difficult for seasonal businesses to operate such as our ski hill and snowmobiling. It becomes a domino effect. Without the cold temperatures and snow the conditions are poor thus keeping winter enthusiasts away resulting in less traffic to our local merchants, reduced hours of operation and less staffing. The poor ice conditions keep anglers off the ice not to mention the decrease in our lake trout population.

Also with the warmer weather we now have invasive species like the Pine Beetle which is killing our forests.

Rain showers that now structurally damage roads and properties due to the amount in short spurts rather than the odd drizzles of years past. All signs of the planet patterns changing from global warming and greenhouse gas emissions. We see water levels decreasing and reversed melting in the spring causing floods to the lower areas resulting in property and road damage.

It will be never too soon for municipalities to begin assessing their vulnerability to climate change and the impacts that are already occurring. We need to develop responses that protect the people, local environment and the local economy.

5. Despite the lack of young families and trades labour force, communities shouldn't be discouraged in their efforts to attract young people. Community and economic development shows that 37 per cent of millennials want to live in the cities, 36 percent prefer the suburbs while 23 per cent say they want to live in a small town. They are more likely to move back to their hometowns after their first born due to the lower cost of living, proximity to family and friends but Haliburton must do some work in retaining them.

Some things I would like to see are:

\*High speed internet which is a basic staple of modern life.

\*Invest in youth priorities to create spaces away from work and home.

\*Provide entrepreneurial opportunities. More than 70 percent of young people want to own a business.

\*Actively engage and consult with youth making sure their ideas and opinions matter.

\*Market the community to attract younger families.



## Mike Stinson

Candidate – Councillor Ward 2

1. I was born and raised in the Village of Haliburton. I attended school at Victoria Street School; Lakeview School and Haliburton County District High School. After finishing High School, I joined the Ontario Provincial Police and after was stationed in Toronto. From there I was assigned to the Detachment near Grand Bend, Ontario. After five years, I had the opportunity to purchase Wallings Dairy in Haliburton where my wife Nancy (born in Minden) and our three children returned to. After 10 years owning/working the dairy, I began working for the Municipality of Dysart et al in the Roads Dept. where I remained for 27 years. During that time, I joined the Haliburton Fire Department (17 yrs) and eventually became the fire chief for five years.

2. The main issue facing Dysart et al today I believe is affordable housing and council would have to agree. Council would have to get in touch with the provincial government and the Minister of Housing to check to see if there are any grants available to deal with the situation.

3. a) High speed internet and cellphone service should

be made available to all Dysart citizens at reasonable fees. At present, my family and I live approx. 15 km west of the Village of Haliburton and we are unable to receive the Internet which is at present about 3 km down the road from us. To get the Internet at present, we purchase Internet from a company which will service our home.

I believe that council should contact Bell to find an answer. How many more towers are needed and where?

b) A better ball diamond and a splash pool are two items which people are requesting. Council should contact the local school system and see if it's possible to use any of their facilities.

c) Also a pool has been talked about, but the school has to be part of the package (so the students are able to use the pool) to make the pool feasible. I recently spoke with some people at the pool in Bracebridge. They advised me about the cost and the number of personnel it takes to operate the pool.

4. We don't have any big industry in Dysart, so I don't think climate change has been very impactful as of yet. This summer has been warmer than usual, but the visitors to Haliburton have loved it.

We just hope that this winter has the normal amount of snow so there is enough skiing and snowmobiling for the winter.

5. By working in trying to bring new industry into the municipality! Talk to people and find out their thoughts with regards to our municipality about new industry starting up in our municipality. Possibly the municipality can offer new industry, property the municipality owns at a lower rate, and by getting permits approved quicker.

Finally, offer more attractive venues etc., and entertainment for the young people to do and enjoy. Possibly get the young people to submit suggestions (within reason) for our town to work with the youth.



## Tammy Donaldson

Candidate – Councillor Ward 3

1. My husband and I grew up in Harcourt, went to school in Haliburton and our three children have done the same. I am a full time resident, successful business owner, waterfront and rural property owner in Dysart et al. My priority is to represent and raise the profile of Ward 3 area, seasonal cottagers, full-time residents and local businesses. I have been a lifelong volunteer in the Highlands, most notably a recipient of 25 year pin from the provincial government for my involvement with the Wilberforce Agricultural Society. I was also involved with the Harcourt Canada Day celebrations and the Harcourt Centennial Celebrations. I am committed to local business development, not just for employment but also to provide our young people with skills and opportunity. Through my business I have been very fortunate to have mentored many young people as they prepare for life. As past chairperson of the Algonquin Gateway Business Association for 5 years, and owner of a successful tourism business, South Algonquin Trails since 1999, I understand the challenges and advantages of running a business in our area.

2. One of the important issues facing Dysart et al today is affordable housing and retaining and attracting the young people in our area. I believe that with a few slight wording changes in our bylaws, there is a possibility to create affordable housing. Addressing the issue would be to identify which bylaws they are, and how they could be more effective in what we want to achieve which would also create economic development.

Short term rentals are another issue facing Dysart and I believe that educating the owners and the renters should be the number one priority as a way to address everyone's concerns, not create more bylaws.

3. We need to keep on extending our cell and internet services to cover all of Dysart et al.

Dysart just built a brand new Harcourt Community Center, that seats 150 people. I would really like to see the community center utilized to its fullest potential. Our area attracts many people who retire here, some with amazing skill sets that could be very beneficial to help make our community vibrant. Creating a sense of community with events and bringing in other organizations that invite people to our area also helps add to our economy and can then enhance economic development.

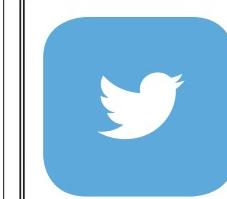
4. Climate change is a global problem, but things can be done at a local level to prepare for such changes and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. Outdoor adventure businesses in the Haliburton Highlands that rely on the climate to create income, see firsthand on how the climate change impacts them. Even one day can cost a business owner thousands of dollars because of the weather conditions.

Identifying risks and then assessing those risks on what is felt to be the most important, like buildings, flooding, hydro, roads, health and the natural environment.

5. I believe bringing the trades back into the high school curriculum would be a great start.

We could also retain existing students by better connecting them to the community. Find out what their interests are, and connect them with local mentors, that are willing to share their knowledge and contacts.

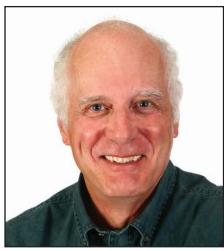
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## John Smith

Candidate – Councillor Ward 4

1. I first visited this area in the 1980s and my wife Brenda and I purchased our property on Kennisis Lake in 2002. After several years as seasonal residents we consider ourselves very fortunate to reside here year round. We greatly enjoy every opportunity to host our children and grandchildren here at the lake.

During my working years I always believed community service was important and so I served on the Boards of several not for profits including a hospital in the GTA. Three times in the 1980s and 90s the voters of Etobicoke elected me as a School Trustee on the Etobicoke Board of Education.

Here in Dysart I have served on the Board of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) since 2015. Currently I serve as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS). I have also served on the Board at Abbey Gardens. As part of the KLCOA I was a strong advocate for the septic re-inspection program and understand the critical importance of healthy lakes and forests to our entire community.

My experience has taught me how to work effectively with others to establish consensus, build plans, set priorities and measure progress for the entire organization instead of focusing on individual goals and objectives. I know from personal experience how local government works. Success comes from Councillors working as a team on behalf of the entire community. I am prepared to work full-time to serve the residents of Ward 4.

2. The need for better care of our environment is the most important issue facing Dysart. Without clean and healthy lakes and forests the future for Dysart is bleak because for many those natural assets are a reason to visit Dysart. We must do a better job of looking after them.

The mandatory septic re-inspection program now in its first year was an important step. I led a group from the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association that encouraged Council to take this step. We can continue to improve that program. I would personally continue to advocate for better communication and a greater focus on educating property owners.

We also need to look for and implement better approaches to septage disposal than the current practice of open field spreading. New technologies are now in use elsewhere and should be evaluated for use here.

I also believe it is time we sought out better approaches for garbage disposal. Many of the existing landfills are nearing capacity and replacing them like for like is not acceptable. A multifaceted program that educates people on the total cost of garbage disposal/recycling and reduces the material we all have to dispose of will help. Maybe Dysart could become a "plastics free" community.

Dysart council needs to better manage its own affairs and educate residents to understand what they can do. Others have shown it is possible to grow our economy and reduce our impact on the environment. We can do the same.

3. First of all, the development and provisioning of new services and facilities should be based on the priorities established by the new council as part of a strategic planning process that leads council members to align around a single set of objectives. Piecemeal is not good enough.

Personally I believe that the need for construction of new housing, especially rental units for young workers and seniors, is absolutely urgent. In addition new approaches to handling our garbage and septage and continued exploration of avenues to actually build the bioheat facility previously proposed for the village of Haliburton deserve real consideration. The development of new technologies that leverage our natural assets (forest products for bioheat) should be a priority.

At the same time we need to recognize that the village of Haliburton is not the only place in Dysart that matters. Here in Ward 4 the broad range of attractions at Haliburton Forest draw many visitors, including local residents, by providing recreation and entertainment that appeal to many people. We have great community owned facil-

ties in hamlets like West Guilford that are currently very poorly utilized.

I would like to work at ensuring the West Guilford Community Centre is much more utilized going forward by providing programs that use the space and attract permanent residents, the cottage community and visitors already drawn to the area by the numerous activities at Haliburton Forest. In fact activities that bring together permanent residents and seasonal cottagers can only be good for our entire community.

4. Global climate change will continue to have a very substantial impact locally. Lake water temperatures and overall temperatures are rising. We will have more extreme weather events (especially heavy rains, exceptionally strong winds and periods of drought) and less snow accumulations.

This is already impacting our natural assets. Lake trout populations are at risk, as are other native wildlife including moose. Some of our current tree population will be lost and therefore new species will need to be planted. The warmer temperatures mean more pests will survive and impact native species.

Council must accept the realities of climate change and prepare our community for the impact. We need to build infrastructure that will withstand the ferocity of extreme weather events (let's evaluate alternative road finishes) and reduce our carbon pollution (e.g., implementation of the bioheat project).

Our council should be leading efforts to ensure we have plans that will help us continue to attract visitors year round even as our climate evolves, educating property owners on the types of vegetation they should be planting so as to survive and thrive in the years/decades to come, sharing knowledge on how to deal with pests and invasive species and more.

We can and must adapt. Leveraging the work of others council should be taking steps now to develop, document and share a set of programs that will ensure this remains a great place to live in the decades to come. Those preparations should also help us secure available federal and provincial funds.

5. Council should be working with all community partners to ensure Dysart is consistently positioned as a great place to live and raise a family. We need to recognize not everyone lives on a lake and can simply enjoy our natural assets. Thriving communities offer their residents a range of housing choices and a multitude of services.

I believe the lack of practical housing alternatives is the primary impediment to making our community attractive as a place to live and work. As a first step, I believe council should sponsor a "Housing Summit" of property developers, local builders, investors and property managers to identify and resolve the roadblocks which currently stand in the way of them constructing some new rental apartments in our community. The existing Housing Task Forces and Fleming College should participate. This approach has worked elsewhere and it can work here.

We also need to recognize that housing alone will not solve the problem. The new Youth Hub jointly developed by Point in Time and HHHS is a great step but we need more. Many thriving communities offer a range of services including community centres (most with pools) largely funded by users.

Our new council needs to build a plan and then must make a commitment to provide a broader range of facilities and services that will make Dysart a great place to live and raise young families. Let's complement our wonderful natural assets with a greater range of services that showcases all we have to offer.



## Aaron Walker

Candidate – Councillor Ward 4

1. I first visited Haliburton in 1997 and knew that this is the place that I would like to be. I grew up in downtown Toronto and thought that there may be limited work availability but my family and I successfully moved here in 2006. Haliburton has proven to me to be a place of opportunity that strongly supports entrepreneurship and a strong work ethic. Haliburton has a tremendous community spirit and civic pride, this reso-

nated with me and I became more involved. My engagement with the community has taken me down several paths including being a previous director of the Chamber of Commerce, being a community development coordinator for Food for Kids, being a volunteer committee member of Dysart's Economic Development Committee, being a director of the West Guilford Community Center etc. Currently my wife Melissa and I own and operate McKecks Tap and Grill in the village of Haliburton.

2. Maintaining the water quality of our pristine lakes is of utmost importance. Haliburton's current economy is primarily tourism based and depends on healthy lakes. Mandatory septic re-inspections and healthy shoreline initiatives are already in place however ongoing education for property owners is essential, particularly since properties change hands frequently. Developing a short term rental by law will also promote lake health through ensuring that waterfront properties rentals do not exceed their designed capacity. Limiting the number of rentals per lake will also ensure that there is diminished contamination.

3. Rural transportation continues to be an issue. Utilizing Uber as a possible transit solution for Haliburton County is worth giving a try, it is not entirely dissimilar to the TROUT bus in Hastings County but much more flexible in regards to availability and transit routes. Investigating if the province will incentivize with gas tax subsidies alongside multiple Municipalities sharing the cost.

4. Climate change is impacting Dysart with more extreme weather systems in the area. In the summer we experience torrential rainfall with incremental wash outs and road damage. In the winter we experience less snow and less snow sports tourism. I do not think that it is possible to mitigate these effects aside from developing a local economy that is less dependent on tourism and allocating more funds for road repair.

5. Young families and youth are crucial to the health of our community. Insecure housing and systemic poverty exist in every municipality but is more pronounced in Central East Ontario. I believe the next Official Plan should include Inclusionary Zoning in which new development is mandated (or encouraged with waived fees) to build a percentage of affordable housing, this is already in place in most major cities in North America and has a proven track record. Young people do not have enough recreational activities or resources for support in mental health and education. The soon to be opened Youth Hub is innovative in engaging with youth in Haliburton, I believe that at least in the short term the municipality should be open to financial support of this programming as long as there is evidence of planned sustainability.



## Walt McKechnie

Candidate – Councillor Ward 5

1. I was born in London, Ont., where I played six years of junior hockey and then had a 16 year professional career and had the honour to play for my country in 1977 in the world championship in Vienna, Austria. I also got to fulfill a childhood dream and got to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Around 1970 I came to Haliburton to work at the Haliburton Hockey Haven to teach kids hockey skills. In 1979 I bought property on Eagle Lake and built our home. My wife Suzanne and I raised our four daughters Katie, Shannon, Hunter and Tatum here. We have three grandchildren.

In 1986 I opened McKeck's Place and owned it till 2009. Owning McKeck's allowed me to establish my roots in the community and realize what a special place it is. Today I enjoy skiing and golfing in our community. I was so happy to have been able to play a big part in Hometown Hockey coming to Haliburton last fall. Our committee and Haliburton's spirit made it a very successful event for our community. For the past eight years I have had the privilege to be your Ward 5 councillor and

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your voice at council. It has made me more passionate and dedicated to our community.

2. We have many concerns in our municipality and in our Ward 5 we have two that affect a lot of people. One is our water quality and two ways we can help is to make sure our septic tank system is working properly. The municipality of Dysart has a septic inspection program in place and will be in our area in a few years. In the meantime we should monitor our own systems regularly and not wait for an issue to happen. We should also not be fertilizing our lawns. If we do these two things we can help to preserve our water quality.

Another issue in Ward 5 that affects a lot of people is the poor cell and Internet service we receive.

I am told the municipality, county and the province have done their part in the plan to upgrade these services and it is now in the federal governments position to disperse the funds to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to find a supplier to put the plan in motion for our area and also other rural Ontario areas.

3. I believe our municipality workers and administrative staff do a great job in serving our large municipality. I think there are a lot of services and facilities we all would like to have for our community and I don't think a total reliance of taxes is the solution. Hopefully we will get some help from the provincial and federal government in attaining some of these services and facilities.

4. We have been experiencing more severe rainstorms lately and that is impacting our infrastructure, such as road washouts, blocked culverts and ditches which affect many residents' driveways and properties. We will require more money in our infrastructure budget in the future to keep on top of this problem.

5. I think we have to find developers to create more affordable housing for our community so young families can get a start in living in Haliburton. I think it would be great if it was possible to have skilled trades courses at Sir Sandford Fleming College if was possible to create a new addition. It would help keep our youth at home and provide them with a chance to work and live in Haliburton. We also need to continue developing senior facilities for their needs.

I think the municipality has done a good job when we renovated our arena, built the skate board park and are going to make the old skate board park an outdoors ball and ice hockey rink. I think we need to upgrade our baseball and soccer fields. The municipality has had great support from many organizations and private donors. These facilities will allow our youth to be outside having fun and competing with their peers.

I think everybody would like to have a modern recreation centre with a pool and many other facilities. I think it will happen some day when there is a private donor and the municipality, county, provincial and federal governments work together to make it happen.



## Glenn Scott

Candidate – Councillor Ward 5

1. Haliburton has been part of my life for over 40 years. My wife Marie and I were initially cottagers and when we decided to retire in 2017 we made our cottage on Haliburton Lake our permanent home. We have two children that have enjoyed many years spent at our cottages in Haliburton.

I was the President of a cottage condo corporation for eight years on Lake Kashagawigamog. Currently, I am the president of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association and have been in that role for four years. I am also on the Board of the Haliburton Curling Club.

During my 35-year career as an electrical engineer with Hydro One, I was involved in many areas of the business that allowed me to develop a wide range of skills:

- Financial analysis – budgets, financial reviews and creating/tracking business plans
- Risk management - identifying positive and negative scenarios and determining what is the best course of action
- Field operations - managing the day to day running of a department - working with a team towards a common goal

- Information Technology - upgrading technology - allowing staff to work more effectively
- Asset management - managing all decisions about the maintenance and replacement of an asset, such as roads, buildings and trucks.

I have always enjoyed basketball, playing intercollegiate in university and became a basketball official after graduation, while also owning a sports goods store. Since my retirement, I have found the time to join the curling club in Haliburton and enjoy the odd game of pick-up basketball.

2. I believe the most important issue facing Dysart is a need for a vision. It is critical to know where you want to go and put in place plans to get there. I know there are currently several tactical issues facing Dysart such as roads, internet and cellular services, short term rentals, youth programs, housing, etc. It is difficult to prioritize these issues unless we know what we are striving for and have a budget in place and a 5-year business plan in place to get there.

As part of developing the vision for Dysart, we need to analyze and discuss how we work with Haliburton County. I believe there are issues that should be managed at the county level, such as waste and septage management. It would be more cost effective to have one approach to address these issues instead of having four municipalities charting their own course.

The effectiveness of council is critical to move forward and achieve a vision. I would recommend a review of the committee structures and mandates to increase effectiveness.

Once elected, I would be willing to lead a group of elected officials and civic leaders to determine Dysart's vision which would include public consultation. Once the vision is determined I would actively participate in architecting the five-year plan supporting the vision.

3. I believe there is a requirement for more community space - places where families can go. The Haliburton Junction Skate Park is a wonderful facility but Haliburton needs more low/no cost alternatives for families. Community space is critical to attracting and keeping young adults and families within Haliburton County. More on that in Question 5.

A very close second is a need to ensure the availability of high-speed internet service across Dysart. Within Ward 5, most properties do not have a reliable high-speed service. The internet plays a huge role in the life of almost everyone. It is necessary for services such as communications, education, economic transactions, research, local and global information, and entertainment to name a few. Most important, these services allow residents to work remotely or operate home based businesses promoting more economic opportunities within the community. Our children require these services to work in the digital age.

Currently Dysart's elected officials are waiting for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) as the solution to our internet needs. EORN's solution is a tower based cellular network. Unless you have line of sight to your property you will not be able to leverage that cellular network for home internet. The best solution is to leverage and upgrade the existing Bell telephone network.

I am willing to do all the necessary research looking at

other rural areas to understand how they have addressed this issue because EORN is not the internet solution for many parts of Dysart.

4. Climate change is a very real challenge. We will see the impacts in warmer temperatures, and more extreme weather events especially around precipitation and flooding. In its simplest form, higher volumes of rain impact our roads and lakes and higher temperatures impact the long-term health of our environment.

Higher volumes of water in our watersheds that feed the lakes, will lead to serious issues. If the flow of water is not managed, pollutants will be pushed into our lakes. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (CHA) has been indicating that shoreline naturalization helps to address this issue. Naturalized shorelines are being supported by a Shoreline Preservation bylaw at the County level. There is also a move to introduce site alteration restrictions in the revised version of the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw. I support these initiatives.

On council, I would support the creation of a Community Climate Change Adaptation Plan, to enable Dysart to address and respond to the challenges of climate change.

- There are tactical changes that can be done quickly at Dysart and the County to adapt our infrastructure to address Climate Change:
  - Use larger culverts for all future work
  - Begin discussions regarding the removal of gravel roads – gravel roads cannot cope with heavy rains
  - Plant trees that can adapt to warmer temperatures that are expected in the next 50 years

5. Attracting and keeping young adults and young families in our area is a serious issue and needs to be addressed. If elected I would support the formation of a working group that includes young adults, students, civic leaders and council members to create a plan and bring it to council for adoption. The task of the team would be to look for models locally and internationally as to what has worked.

I see the following components to be included in a final plan.

- Community Space - As I mentioned in Question 3, one of the top priorities for Dysart is the creation of community space, the Junction Skate Park is just a start. What about a splash pad or the much talked about Community Centre with a pool maybe partnering with the school system or even a large camp.
- Housing - is another key factor. What about making a residence at the college a priority and that would free up housing currently in use by the students for young adults and families.
- Technology – As I mentioned earlier the requirement for internet and cellular systems are critical facets of work and home life. People will move to communities that have good, affordable cellular and internet services.
- Jobs - There also needs to be continued focus on building new jobs in Haliburton, analysis of economic and business development within Haliburton. Tactically, job fairs should continue as should college and university recruitment fairs.

The Working Group would be expected to prepare a preliminary and final plan. Haliburton must act on this issue!

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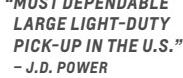


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# Students protest curriculum changes

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

High school students stood in front of the school, holding signs with the phrases, "Protect Our Education" and "Save sex education" to protest the provincial government's changes to the sex education and the Indigenous curriculum on Friday, Sept. 21 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The passionate group of HHSS students from Grade 9 to 12 spent more than an hour, missing their classes, to be part of this province-wide protest called the March for Our Education organized by students alongside advocacy groups.

Grade 11 HHSS student Malia said the curriculum helps students better understand the world.

"Most of the discrimination comes from misunderstanding and people need to learn about consent. People need to learn about LGBTQ ... and native studies," she said.

Malia wished more could have joined her in front of the school, but believed in demonstrating no matter what the consequence. She admits with such a small group they didn't register as much as other schools had.

The protest included students, teachers and staff at more than 100 schools in Ontario. There was a projection of some 40,000 people taking part in the afternoon protest.

CTV reported the protest was in response to the provincial government's decision to repeal the 2015 rewrite of the sex-ed section of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. In its place, they reinstated the 1998 version while a new program is prepared. The 2015 sex-ed curriculum includes same-sex marriage, gender identity, consent and sex in a social media age.

The provincial government instated a phone line for the public to report any teachers who teach the 2015 sex-ed curriculum.

Changes also included the cancella-

tion of a rewrite of the Indigenous studies curriculum, recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation report.

Grade 12 student Joey said the curriculum plays an important role in educating people about how to protect themselves.

"Learning about consent at a young age is so important because it prevents rape ... learning about STIs and all that stuff. So many people don't know. They just don't know about things..." she said. "Honestly, it doesn't make sense why you wouldn't teach that kind of thing. It's not harmful. It does the complete opposite of what they want to do. It just doesn't make sense to me."

She adds providing an understanding about the LGBTQ community, gender identity and sexual orientation can only help everyone.

"I want to erase the stigma about being gay, or transgender, or anything like that. And in a small town especially like this there is a lot of stigma about that. People get called [homophobic slurs] all the time around here. It's not OK. I feel a lack of education is part of that," she said.

Despite the criticism directed at people interested in joining this protest on social media, this group of students wasn't dissuaded from showing how they felt by protesting.

Joey was steadfast in her belief in the cause no matter what the consequences she may face for walking out.

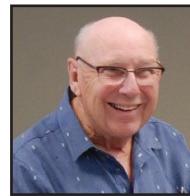
Grade 9 student Rianne was bothered by insulting comments on social media about gay people.

"That's what I really didn't like. Especially because we have friends and we know people ... it doesn't seem OK at all," she said.

Joey hopes this protest will draw the attention of politicians.

"When we get together we can have a really big voice and that we care a lot more than they might think we do and I'm hoping they make some changes to the curriculum," she said.

As reported by the CBC, the province has planned public consultations on a new sex-ed curriculum this week and people are encouraged to participate.



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# Hikers peer into Haliburton's (very distant) past at the Harburn Wells

JENN WATT

Editor

In groups of three, hikers made their way down a slope of bedrock to the edge of a deep cylindrical hole. At the bottom sat three frogs covered in mud and leaves. Cellphones and cameras came out to capture the moment, which was more about the creation of the holes than what was in them.

Perched on the edge of the rock was geologist and educator John Etches, leader of the hike Finding the Harburn Wells, part of this year's Hike Haliburton offerings.

He had a long yellow rope at the ready, with the unspoken implication that should one of the hikers fall in, it

wouldn't be an easy task getting them back out.

The Harburn Wells are "one of the best examples of this kind of feature that you'll see anywhere," Etches said in the parking lot as a 40 people congregated for the hike.

"It was worth the drive to Haliburton just for this," he said.

Maybe because falling into the well would result in injury or worse, the Harburn Wells aren't advertised and the path to get there includes very little signage. However, during the festival, Etches is able to safely take participants to see this feature which was created when Haliburton and the rest of Canada was buried under a glacier.

The theory is that the wells were created by whirlpools, which took fine-grained boulders and whipped them around over the course of thousands of



Hike participants look over the edge of one of the holes bored into bedrock. Hike leader John Etches, left, said the theory is that whirlpools created by glacial meltwater spun rock around over the course of thousands of years, resulting in the wells. /JENN WATT Staff

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years, burrowing down into the rock.

Etches illustrates the effect with a small rock in the bottom of his translucent water bottle. He spins it around and the rock knocks along the bottom.

"If I did this for two years, what would happen to my Nalgene bottle?" he asks.

"There'd be a hole in the bottom," comes a response from the group.

In a similar fashion, as the glaciers were melting, a stone (or a few) would get caught up in the whirlpools, slowly boring a hole in the bedrock.

Etches asked the group to imagine the entire region under two kilometres of ice. As the glacier moved, it would scrape the landscape, he said, moving boulders along with it and exposing rock outcroppings that had been formed deep in the earth's crust.

Etches said in the last million years, it's thought there were at least four glaciers covering Canada at different times.

Glaciers rip and scrape the landscape, removing evidence from the glacier that came before.

Except, he said, in the case of one of the Harburn Wells.

A large well can be found on the side of a rock outcropping, but rather than a contained cup shape, it is in relief – broken open.

By deduction, Etches said, this means that during one glacial period a whirlpool was created, which made this large well over thousands of years. And then a second glacier was needed to rip it open.

"That is devastatingly amazing," he said, adding later: "This may be the only time you, through deduction ... ever see a feature from a glaciation before the last one."



Geologist and educator John Etches was the leader of Finding the Harburn Wells, a hike on Saturday, Sept. 22. Etches led the group of 40 people to the wells, stopping along the way to explain the role of glaciers on creating the landscape we have today.



Participants in the Harburn Wells hike on Saturday, Sept. 22 pass an outcropping in the forest on their way to see the wells.

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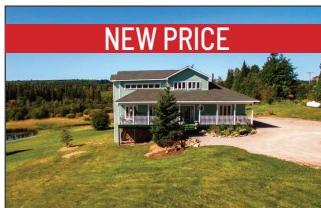
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# World champion off-road rider offering lessons

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Getting four-time world champion off-road motorcycle rider David Knight to come to this year's Corduroy Enduro is all part of a plan to raise the profile of the annual race held in the Gooderham area, said event chairman Blair Sharpless.

This past weekend the 2018 Promotion Corduroy Enduro – presented by GP Bikes – drew hundreds of riders from all backgrounds and skill levels, vying for a purse of \$5,000.

Started 65 years ago by Ron Jackson and Don Charters, the event was known as a scramble and got its name for how the roads looked in the 1950s. It offered river crossings, muddy sections and unique features for the pros such as the "famous Tunnel of Love" where riders negotiate a concrete tunnel under an overpass.

Sharpless said bringing Knight, who holds American and British titles in addition to his four world championships, is part of an effort to build the event internationally and help Canadian riders develop.

"I want to carry on the tradition of the Corduroy, but I also want to provide an international calibre of event for our Canadian riders because if they don't have the money to get out of the country and go race against the best in the world they're never going to get the chance so if we can build the event where they can race against them at home we'll build better riders," he said.

Knight didn't race at the Corduroy. He was still recovering from surgery after breaking two vertebrae and several ribs on a crash during a training ride on the Isle of Man in August.

He was left with neck discomfort from the plane travel and didn't want to delay his recovery.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to compete, he appreciated the beauty of the Highlands.

The cool weather, grey skies and what looked like



Racers wait for their turn to start during the annual Corduroy Enduro, which took place throughout the county on Sept. 22 and 23. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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an impending storm reminded him of his home, the Isle of Man. Located in the Irish Sea off the northwest coast of England, it is home to the famous and unique motorcycle road race, the Isle of Man TT (Tourist Trophy). Racers race on a closed course through residential areas, averaging speeds of close to 200 km/h around the island.

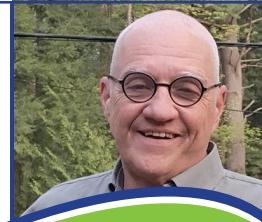
Sharpless paid for Knight's appearance, which included an autograph session, colour commentary for video coverage of the Corduroy on YouTube and with enduro21.com. Knight will also provide three one-day schools from Tuesday, Sept. 25 to Thursday, Sept. 27, which can benefit beginners, novices and expert riders. Contact Steve at Trail Tours 705-875-2980.

Paul Holden, a Haliburton cottager and amateur rider, was with Sharpless and Knight during the press visits in the lead up to the event. He encourages riders to take advantage of this opportunity.

"The other demographic that can benefit from David's schooling is people like me," he said. "I've never raced a real race in my life. I'm just a trail rider. The techniques and the things he can teach a rider of my age and calibre can help me be a better trail rider. He touched on confidence. Confidence is key. When I look at a rock face, I want to throw up. Going through one of his training schools, I come to a rock face [I think] this is what he said to do: commit, and do this, do this ... and you'll get through it. It's a huge feeling of accomplishment for an amateur to have had some proper training and be able to get through a section that always schooled you."

Holden helped arrange the meetings to promote the

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event and the educational sessions with Knight.

Knight offers training and coaching back home.

He loves to teach and compares the fulfillment of seeing that proverbial light go on with his students, regardless of their age, to winning a race.

"It's like racing, really. It's very satisfying. I find when you have a training school and whether it's a young kid or older guy, or someone who has been racing a long time or just starting, when you get someone that just listens and does what you tell them to do and they get the benefit of it then it's almost like the feeling of winning a race," he said.

He said he feels fortunate to have the opportunity to teach.

When he started he wished coaching was available for him. Stronger riders such as pros and experts can benefit.

"I'm learning now and I've won four world titles and whatever," he said. "If I knew now what I knew at 18, you know, I would have been better again. More dominant than I was."

Sharpless said the Corduroy might be dubbed Canada's toughest race, but he offered different courses so it was tailored to the skills of different riders.

"It's the toughest for your category," he said. "Not everybody has to ride all the hardest stuff."

The spectator points of interest are only for the pros.

There are four different courses from novice to pro riders. This was done so "everybody has a course they can finish."

At 50-plus years old, he remembers riding the Corduroy as a 16-year-old, tasked with completing the same course as the pros. Back then the machinery wasn't that much different. Now the motorcycles the pros ride on gives them an advantage that translates to hours saved compared to amateurs.

Knight said the first time he came to Canada was back in 2006 when the World Enduro Championships was held in Parry Sound. He finished first in the Enduro 3 category on both days.

The father of two wants to return and plans on racing the Corduroy.

He characterizes the Corduroy as an "old school enduro," which he thinks is the best. It's the kind of race with natural features such as wooded trails, logs, mud holes, boggy areas and river crossings, miss-

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# Corduroy Enduro offers participants 'a bit of everything'

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ing from contemporary off-trail races instead of a "show enduro" – good for spectators not riders.

"It's a riders' race. You've got good terrain, difficult stuff, fast stuff. A bit of everything, a good mix. And that's to me that's how it should be," he said.

Riding greats such as 1950s and 1960s British riding pro legend Jeff Smith, who was a motocross world champion, have won this race and Knight wants to be included with him and other winners.

Knight said winning the overall individual FIM International Six Days Enduro – the Olympics of off-road motorcycling because countries send teams to compete – back in 2005 is one

of the most special wins of his career. He compares this win to winning at the Isle of Man TT race.

These older and established races mean more to Knight than world championship races, which are more about money than about the pure passion and spirit of off-road racing like the Six Day and the Corduroy.

"I'd rather come to a big event like this where you get riders from all abilities ... riders that haven't ridden long, or old guys that have been riding forever and barely walk, but can still ride a motorbike. It's a lot of people chattin'. Ya know, a good atmosphere. I'd way rather be at a race like that ... I'm enjoying myself than go to a world championship race where no one wants to speak to anyone," he said.



Racers leave the starting line at the Sedgwick gravel pit in Gelert during the 66th annual Corduroy Enduro on Sept. 22.



Corduroy Enduro racers navigate a hill at a course near Gelert.



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    - a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.4.15.8 to permit a lot in the R3-8 zone to have a minimum parking space requirement of 0.5 spaces per dwelling unit, as opposed to the minimum required 1.2 spaces per dwelling unit.
    - b) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.4.15.8 to permit a lot in the R3-8 zone to have a minimum loading space requirement of 1 space, as opposed to the minimum required 2 spaces.
    - c) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.4.15.8 to permit a dwelling unit in the R3-8 zone to have a minimum dwelling unit area of 30 square metres (322.9 square feet), as opposed to the required minimum of 52 square metres (560 square feet).
  - Location: Part Lots 16 and 17, Concession 8, Part Lots 1 and 7, Lots 2 and 8, Block 2 and Part Lot 2, Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Plan 1, and Parts 1 to 3 and 7, 19R-8809, in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1 Sunnyside Street).

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Illes  
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

## ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS

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**Highlands East: Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.,  
Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce**

**Minden Hills: Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.,  
Minden Hills Community Centre**

**Dysart et al: Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.,  
Fleming College, Haliburton**

**Mayors and Deputy Mayors (countywide):  
Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.,  
Fleming College, Haliburton**

Meetings organized by the county's newspapers and radio stations.

# Hawks' return to Kawartha League rewarded

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When the Red Hawks varsity boys' soccer team's captain Daniel Rivard ran, screaming and shaking his fists in joyous celebration, high-fiving teammates on his way to the midfield after scoring on the Fenelon Falls Falcons net with a low blast, it was plain to see his enthusiasm for the moment.

However what the Falcons' players didn't know was that Rivard's celebration was for more than a goal to take the lead early in a home opener, or even the first goal of the season. It was the first goal for a team that had been unable to attract enough players to field a team for the past two years for the Kawartha High School Soccer League.

Coach Rob Gervais understood his captain's joy and the work he put into getting the team to its first game.

"Daniel Rivard in Grade 9 was on the varsity team and this was the next time he has played in Grade 12," he said. "He's the guy that got everybody together."

Gervais was happy for his captain and enjoyed his own return to the sidelines.

His captain's enthusiasm extended to the rest of the game and helped the team.

"He did a wonderful job. He's very vocal. He's one of our captains. He's very vocal and the things he was saying were the right things: So, let's continue to attack this. I got it. I got that lane," he said.

Rivard's goal was worthy of a celebration based on how he was able to weave and deke his way past three defenders until he was alone with the keeper, just inside the box where he struck a low shot, evading the Falcons keeper.

The Falcons struck for an equalizer off a broken play very early in the second. The sequence leading up to the tying goal wasn't anything threatening. The Hawks remained composed despite the tie.

Rivard added another in the second half to put the Hawks up by one again, 2-1.

After a few Falcons' scoring chances were turned away by Hawks defensive corps led by middle backfielder Zayden Crete, the Hawks put the game away with two more goals. The insurance marker came from Codie Wilkinson and the last goal came from sub-in Ethan Somerville, scoring from the attacking midfield position with seconds left.

During the post game speech by Gervais, he told them there is still room for improvement.

Decision making is going to be a work in progress and will improve with game time – knowing when to pass



Red Hawks varsity soccer players Codie Wilkinson, left, and Daniel Rivard celebrate after Wilkinson scored the third goal during their home opener with Fenelon Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks won 4-1 and were led with two goals from captain Rivard and one more from Ethan Somerville. The team missed the past two seasons because of a lack of players./DARREN LUM Staff

and when to maintain possession, whether to move into scoring position and strike or not.

He pointed out defensive issues, whether it was the lack of marking, or giving too much space in the defensive zone. These issues were also lacking for the Falcons, which was an area exploited by the home side for scoring chances. Gervais said several of these chances could have been capitalized on if shots were on target.

This first game was a great opportunity for his team.

The opportunity for a strong result was there for the taking.

"It was nice to play a team very much like us, young. They only had 11 guys. They didn't have one to sub on," he said. "That certainly helped us and they had no Grade 12s."

The Falcons are a varsity team like the Hawks and have a roster of Grade 9s and 10s, who are young and inexperienced.

"We took advantage of our chances and, I think, we were more aggressive than they were. That certainly helps," he said.

It's worth noting that first-year (Grade 10) midfielder Alex Little has brought solid athleticism and skills to an important area of the field.

"He's a runner. I love to have that in the middle of the field. He needs to work on maintaining control of the ball, but he's going to be a fantastic player," he said, referring to the Grade 10 student.

With two years away from playing, Gervais wanted to get as many of his players involved and having fun as possible.

"We had two years where we have had no soccer here. A lot of kids are playing it for the first time so I just wanted to get as many kids out here and get them involved in the game," he said.

There will only be three students graduating so the soccer program's future is bright.

He expects 14 returning players

"We'll have a year under our belts and a little more experience. Hopefully, the program builds from there," he said



## Hawks set back in home opener

Red Hawks quarterback Kyle Cooper carries the ball, looking to stiff arm a would-be tackler from Fenelon Falls on Friday, Sept. 21 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks may have lost 23-1, but with close to 22 players on the team it was still competitive for most of the game only down by a pair of touchdowns into the third quarter. Senior kicker Jacob Haedicke's booming 45 plus yard kick into the Falcons' endzone led to the sole point when the Hawks special team unit tackled the Falcons ball carrier in the end zone./DARREN LUM Staff

## Juniors down Falcons

Red Hawks junior player Jaxson Gill stiff arms a Fenelon Falls player during the Haliburton home opener on Friday, Sept. 21 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks won 20-0 with strong defence and an efficient offence. They were led by three touchdowns scored by Camden Marra and two extra points kicked by Jaxson Gill. / DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Red Hawks junior team's defence swarms a Fenelon Falls ball carrier.

Right, Red Hawks junior player Reese Casey, who is barely visible for the rain and heavy wind, which came with the torrential storm, carries the ball into Fenelon Falls tacklers.



## Field hockey begins this week

Red Hawks netminder Danaya moves for a save during pre-season drill for the school's field hockey program on Tuesday, Sept 18 at the lower field on school grounds in Haliburton. The program's home opener is Sept. 27. / DARREN LUM Staff

# School board launches app

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has launched a free mobile app designed to keep students, parents, staff, and community members informed about their schools and the district.

Through the app, users will be able to choose which schools they want to follow and may choose to receive push notifications directly to their phone. News, transportation updates, calendars, school

contact details, and community information is all available through the app and can be downloaded for iOS through the Apple Store and for Android devices from Google Play.

"The new district mobile app empowers everyone in the community to stay connected with their schools and TLDSB," says Catherine Shedd, district manager of corporate communications. "This app provides access to school-related information, transportation updates, school activities and potential emergency situations. We know that our parents and students rely on their mobile devices. This app is their direct line of communication and will continue to evolve based on their needs."

The mobile app is integrated into the same communication platform that allows the district and schools to manage and share important information by phone call, text message, email, and now, mobile app.

"This is another great example of the commitment we have to engaging families through improved communication," says Larry Hope, director of education. "We're excited about how the new app will help us communicate more effectively, leading to a stronger, more connected community."

For more information, visit <https://launch.customschoolapp.net/trillium-lakelands>.

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## Continued math focus for TLDSB

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is seeing consistency in Grade 6 assessments according to results released today by the Education Quality and Assessment Office (EQAO). However, Grade 3 results dropped in all three assessment areas – reading, writing, and math.

Reading and writing results in Grade 6 are holding steady and indicate a slight decline of one per cent in math. The provincial results also dropped by one per cent in Grade 6 math.

"It is important to maintain our standard of high expectations for our students and we will continue a concentrated effort to improve math results," stated director of education, Larry Hope. "Our math programs, augmented this year with a renewed focus on fundamentals, will be closely monitored for impact on student achievement."

Ongoing attention on math in TLDSB includes a focus on students with special needs for both Grade 3 and Grade 6 math. The board will continue to place emphasis on professional development in math, and allow teachers to make classroom changes that are connected to student assessment information.

Eighty-three per cent of Grade 9 TLDSB academic level students achieved levels 3 and 4 in math. TLDSB students at the applied level continue to achieve at levels 3 and 4 at a higher rate than the provincial average. The board is currently piloting programs in secondary schools that are focused on key math skills using a new diagnostic tool.

"Our commitment to high levels of student achievement will not waver," says chairperson Louise Clodd. "Our staff, administrators, and system leaders are dedicated to improvements in learning for all of our students."

TLDSB will continue to build on these results in the future by staying focused on the goals outlined in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Embrace Learning. More information on results may be found on the EQAO website.

Submitted by TLDSB



### Making friends

Friendship Force visitors came together for a group photo following their archery lesson on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the HHOA fish hatchery. The 19 visitors, who came from parts of Canada such as Medicine Hat, Alberta, the United States including New Mexico, California, Arizona and Washington State, and as far away as New Zealand, were in the Highlands and the area for five days (from Sept. 15 to 20) hiking, paddling and sightseeing. The trip was part of a 15-day visit to Ontario, including Hamilton, Burlington and Niagara regions. They are part of Friendship Force International, a non-profit global organization that creates personal friendships through home-stay journeys, cultural education and citizen diplomacy. See more information at [thefriendshipforce.org/](http://thefriendshipforce.org/). DARRON LUM Staff



Friendship Force visitor Garry Peek of New Zealand draws his bow during an archery lesson.

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# Results of homelessness report are in

The results of this year's Homelessness Enumeration Report for the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton were presented to City of Kawartha Lakes council at the Sept. 18 special council meeting.

The goal of Registry Week was to identify people experiencing homelessness in our communities and gather information on their health and social needs. More than 40 volunteers and professional staff surveyed people without permanent homes between May 28 to

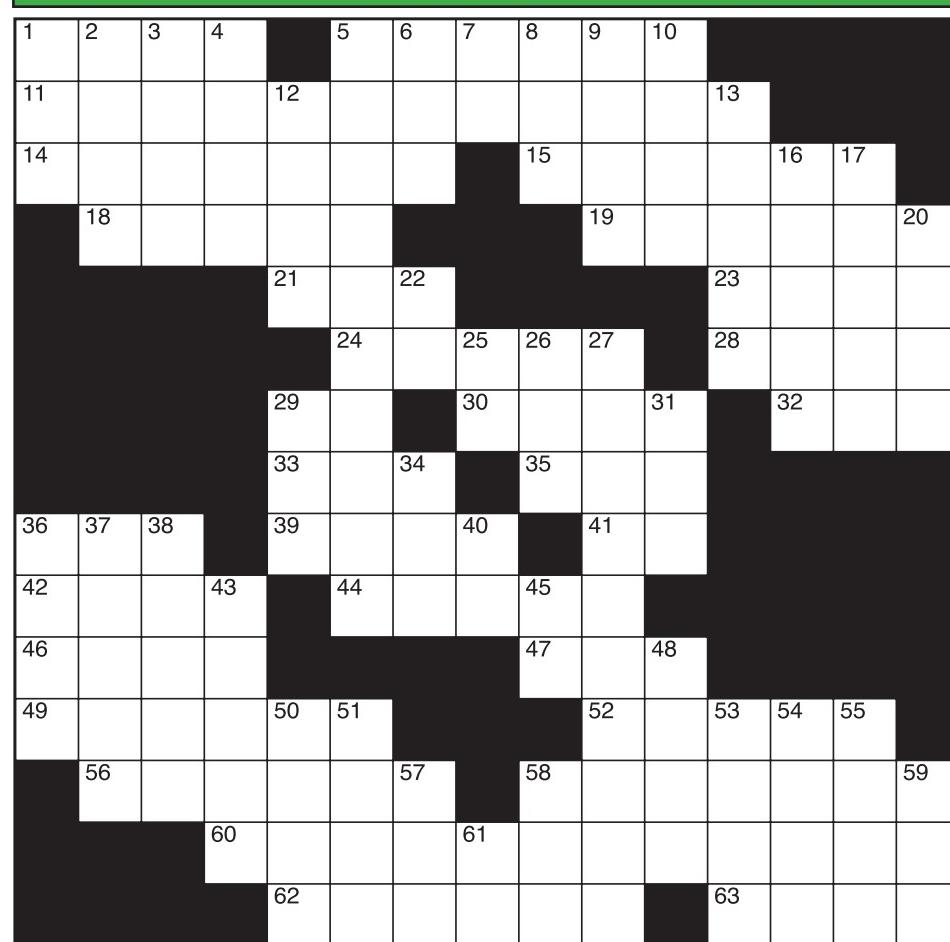
June 1 at agencies, food banks, libraries, and parks across the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton. The data collected will allow the city and county to prioritize housing the most vulnerable individuals and families in the community.

"We will use the results collected from the campaign and work with community partners to prioritize actions and ensure a coordinated response to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community,"

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  - Membranes
  - Short-term memory
  - Comfort
  - Icelandic poems
  - Breezes through
  - In the general surface area
  - Replacement worker
  - Days have 24 of them (abbr.)
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  - Large, flightless bird
  - Future hovercraft
  - Complication
  - Core muscle
  - Electronic point of scale
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- CLUES DOWN**
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  - Shout
  - National capital
  - Word derived from a noun
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  - A memorable garden
  - The woman
  - Leaders
  - "Sin City" actress Jessica
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  - Tooth caregiver
  - A way to engrave
  - Count on
  - Williamson Airfield code
  - Ancient Greek city
  - Range
  - Ancient Roman poet
  - Scottish tax

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says Hope Lee, housing manager. "The City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton thank those who completed a survey during Registry Week, for sharing their experiences and contributing to our efforts to end homelessness in our communities."

## Highlights of the 2018 Registry Week Report:

- 75 households self-identified as experiencing homelessness
- Youth accounted for 21 per cent of all respondents (six in the city and 10 in the county)
- Adults accounted for 59 per cent of all respondents (35 in the city and nine in the county)
- Families represented 20 per cent of all respondents (five in the city and 10 in the county)
- Average length of time without permanent housing is 1.5 years and families is three years
- 13 households reported being without permanent housing for more than two years
- The most common barriers survey respondents identified are keeping them from securing permanent housing is lack of affordable housing or low income
- 23 per cent increase in acuity (depth of need) amongst individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the city and the county when compared to the 2016 results
- Cost of interactions with an emergency room, ambulance rides to the hospital and hospitalizations for the last six months estimated at \$431,598
- Frequent users of the health-care system attributed to 57 per cent of that total cost accounting for \$244,842

The 20,000 Homes Campaign is a national movement focused on ending chronic homelessness in 20 communities and housing 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 2020. CKLH has recommitted to participate in the 20,000 Homes Campaign, learning from other communities who are also committed to ending homelessness. Homelessness is defined as being either completely unsheltered, living in emergency shelter, or provisionally accommodated without permanent tenancy.

The new 24 one-bedroom affordable housing units located within the building at 68 Lindsay Street North will be dedicated to housing individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The 24 units are scheduled to be available for occupancy in early 2019.

Since the first Registry Week in 2016, more than 60 of the most vulnerable homeless individuals in the community have been housed, far above the city's and county's original commitment of 24 individuals.

Staff from the City of Kawartha Lakes will be presenting the 2018 Registry Week Final Report to county council at the Sept. 26 council meeting.

Submitted by the City of Kawartha Lakes

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-017/18  
Applicant: Stan Novak  
Location of the Property: Lot 39, Plan 492, Geographic Township of Guilford  
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

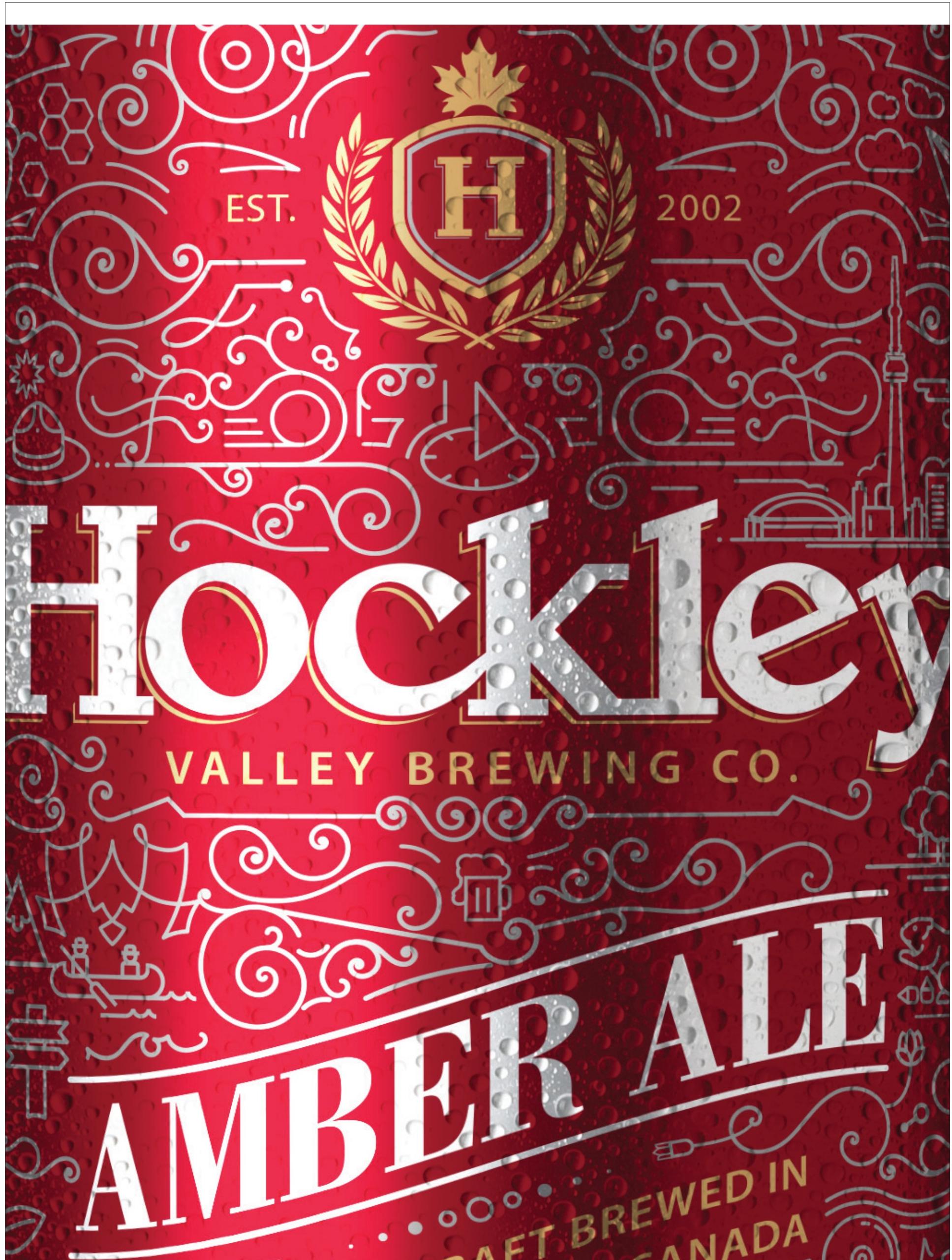
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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 25th day of September, 2018.

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### Marchers demonstrate against violence

The crowd spills out from the Haliburton bandshell and into the park for the Take Back the Night march on Sept. 20. The event raised awareness about sexual assault and violence, offering support and solidarity to survivors. /JENN WATT Staff



Susan Keith, of CFUW, reads a poem to the group gathered at Haliburton's bandshell before Take Back the Night on Sept. 20.

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Haliburton County residents Denise Morton-Sayles, right, and Darlene Thomas added their support to the Take Back the Night march through Haliburton.



New Haliburton residents Wanda Taylor and Max Kalinowski joined in Take Back the Night, lighting candles for the walk through town on Thursday.



Children walked alongside adults at Take Back the Night, organized by the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre in collaboration with the Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women. Outloud Womyn's Voices provided spirit and energy to the event by leading sing-alongs before and after. /JENN WATT Staff

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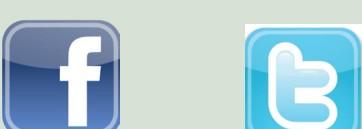
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### Honour The Fallen, Help The Living

When: Sept. 26 7 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Museum  
Hosted by Susan Evenden  
The Haliburton Highland Museum invites you to travel through WW1 & WW2 with the Wounded Warriors Battlefield Bike Rides.  
In preparation for BBR19 Operation Overlord, Dieppe to Normandy, Susan Evenden is sharing her experience of cycling The Italian Campaign & through Flanders to Vimy Ridge.  
Wounded Warriors raises funds and provides programs for modern day Veterans, First Responders & Police who live with PTSD. #inthis together. [www.woundedwarriors.ca](http://www.woundedwarriors.ca), <https://woundedwarriors.ca/bbr19/>

### Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

### Friends Of The Haliburton County Public Library

Lunch and Learn Series presents:  
Jessie Pflug and the story of Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast  
When: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 12 p.m. lunch  
1 p.m. presentation  
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon  
Cost: \$20  
For tickets call Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000

### Women's Conference. Lakeside Church in Haliburton

When: Sept. 28, 6 to 9 p.m. and Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
International speakers, canvas painting, catered lunch, music by Upriver Draw, pampering, etc!  
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Cost is \$50 per registrant. Register at [mylakeside.ca](http://mylakeside.ca)

### St. George's Anglican Church, Barbeque Beef Dinner

When: Saturday, Sept. 29, 2 sittings 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
All proceeds to Point In Time Youth Hub and Food for Kids  
Tickets: Adults \$20, Children (under 12) \$6  
Tickets available at Master's Book Store or Contact the church off 705-457-2074.

### Haliburton Concert Series presents wind quintet Pentaèdre

When: Sunday, Sept. 30 at 2:30 p.m.  
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton  
Cost: Adults \$30, students \$10  
A concert of music for flute, clarinet, oboe, horn, and bassoon by the five talented members of Pentaèdre. Refreshments at intermission, meet the artists after the concert. Contact Fred Shuttleworth (705-455-9060, [fred.ann.shuttleworth@gmail.com](mailto:fred.ann.shuttleworth@gmail.com)). [www.Haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca](http://www.Haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca).

### Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Ingoldsby United Church

When: Saturday, Sept. 29 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30 – 12 to 3 p.m.  
Where: Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Road  
Choice of delicious soups, sandwiches, tea biscuits, tarts and beverage.  
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### Thanksgiving Dinner presented by the Wilberforce Agricultural Society

When: Saturday, Oct. 6 - 5 p.m.  
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce  
A delicious turkey meal with all the trimmings and dessert. Adults are \$15, Children under 12 years are \$7 and preschoolers are free. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner support the 2019 Wilberforce Fair. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Wilberforce Information Centre, Agnew's Store and on line. Visit our website at [WilberforceFair.com](http://WilberforceFair.com)

# Voters come out for all-candidates meeting in Wilberforce

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
448-2018

A well-attended meeting was held on Sept. 20 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre for the candidates running for election to council for Highlands East. Thanks to local media for organizing this opportunity for citizens to hear from those hoping to win election as mayor and councillors. Presentations and answers to questions really have helped voters make these important decisions about who will tend to roads, public housing, environmental issues, health care, and garbage disposal over the next four years.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Charles Hughes of Harcourt who died on Sept. 17 at hospital in Peterborough. He had been admitted to hospital in Toronto earlier as the result of an accident. He was 78 years of age.

Mourning his loss and celebrating his life are his wife Evonne, sons Wesley, Jonathan (Rebekah), David (Rachael), Timothy (Narda), Nathan (Kari-Lynn), Mark (Rachel), 17 grandchildren, sisters Janice Vardy and Hazel (Royden) Robson, brothers Ron (Debbie) and Barry (Paula), many nieces, nephews and friends.

Charles worked in the field of education for 35 years a teacher and principal. Most of that time was at the Wilberforce Elementary School. He was a founding elder of the Harcourt Community Chapel where he and Evonne served faithfully over the years. His funeral service was held there on Saturday, Sept. 22 followed by interment at the Wilberforce cemetery. Mr. Hughes will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Hike Haliburton brought many visitors to this area last weekend. Hikers were here not only to walk but to visit interesting sites. Sometimes there are special rocks to observe, great scenes to view or film and often some history to discover. On Friday visitors learned about the history of Wilberforce on two tours. In the morning it was the original settlement by Lake Wilbermere and the cemetery. As rain threatened and the winds grew stronger in the afternoon the hike about the village was conveniently near both the historic Red Cross Outpost historic house and St. Margaret's church, so hikers found shelter with good stories and an historic film between showers. Always great to meet people visiting the area from near and far. Thanks again to Barrie Martin for his leadership in Hike Haliburton and to all who lead the hikes and work on this fine event.

With gardens now being harvested you are welcome to join in a service of Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Margaret's next Sunday Sept. 30. Begins at 11:30 a.m. Stay for refreshments.

And mark Thanksgiving Saturday, Oct. 7 on your calendar for the Agricultural Fair's annual turkey supper at the Lloyd Watson Centre.



A member of the audience stands at the microphone during the all-candidates meeting at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Sept. 20. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

## TENDER



Trillium Lakelands District School Board invites bids from interested parties for the project listed below:

**RFT #B19-01 Snowploughing Contract (3 Year)**  
City of Kawartha Lakes, District Municipality of Muskoka, and County of Haliburton

**Closing Date:** Thursday, October 18, 2018  
**Time:** 2:00:00 p.m.

Bid documents may be downloaded from <https://tldsb.bidsandtenders.ca>.

Larry Hope  
Director of Education

Louise Clodd  
Chair of the Board

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*In Loving Memory of*

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Beloved wife of the late H. Douglas Campbell. Dear mother of Patricia, John and Wendy (deceased - 2014). Fondly remembered by her extended family in Delta, Brockville and Calgary.

It was Ada's wish for cremation and a Private Family Graveside Service at Minden Cemetery.

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November 24, 1928  
to September 19, 2018

An incredibly vibrant and larger-than-life presence has left us. The Countess Agnes de Moustier died from complications from cancer on September 19, 2018 in Monthey, Switzerland. Born Agnes Henderson in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, on November 24, 1928, she grew up in Harlem, New York with her mother Marjorie, sister Sandy, uncles Houston and Earl and grandmother Jessie Vanterpool. In 1950, she put her aspirations to become a lawyer on hold when she boarded a ship for Paris with a suitcase full of clothes styled from the pages of fashion magazines. It was an exciting time for a young black woman in a city that embraced her for her innate vivacity and poise. Her first marriage to art collector Jean Larcade ended in divorce. In 1962 she married Count Edouard de Moustier, a scion of one of France's oldest families and a member of the royal dynasty of France. They began their life together forging new business opportunities in the Caribbean for the French multi-national company Air Liquide. Their home in Guadeloupe became the must-go destination for the French aristocracy. Following the Count's retirement, they bought a former hunting lodge and 5,000 acres of private forest and lakes near Haliburton. Together with sons Dante and Jean-Edouard, they renovated the lodge and transformed it into the Domain of Killien. For the next 28 years, the Domain established a reputation for offering its guests fine French cuisine and providing an environment of peace, quiet and refined comfort — or, in their words, the opportunity to "master the art of doing nothing, beautifully." The Count died in February 2017. She continued to split her time between Chateau d'Oex, Paris and Haliburton. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date in Haliburton.

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**Trailer park owners make bid for Ride**

by BRIAN RODNICK

Staff Reporter

The rejection of Ride for Sight by Minden council has prompted one area couple to take matters into their own hands.

The owners of South Lake Trailer Park, Ken and Bev Vivian, have offered their 102-acre park in Snowdon to Ride organizers.

"We usually just mind our own business," says Mrs. Vivian. But when they read in the paper of council's decision not to host the Ride at the Community Centre, they took action.

"We've been blessed, no one in our family has gone blind." (The Ride raises money for eye disease research.) Her mother-in-law was in danger of losing her sight but was saved by an operation.

Mrs. Vivian says that a charity, much like Ride for Sight, provided the money doctors needed to perform the delicate operation.

"The Ride is such a good cause, we shouldn't have lost it."

The Vivians have already received support from many area businesses and residents, including some of park's neighbors.

But some neighbors have not been supportive, and Mrs. Vivian can understand why.

"I know there will be problems and I know we won't sleep much that weekend, but it won't be much different than a normal long weekend."

The Vivians' would only charge riders \$2 to \$2.50 per person to stay for the weekend. This would not cover the Vivian's costs of building a small roadway into the park and providing portable toilets. But they do not mind.

"Anything for the Ride for Sight," she says.

At the moment the Vivians are waiting to see what will develop when a petition supporting the Ride is presented before Minden council on October 25th.

Already, the Vivian's trailer park has been visited by Ride chairman, Syd Collier. The Vivians are competing against several other possible Ride locations, including Fenelon Falls, but they are hopeful.

"At the moment we are just sitting back and waiting, and planning."

**Parents still seek redress**

by BRIAN RODNICK

Staff Reporter

It has been over two weeks since seven-year-old Amber White tumbled into a hole outside her parents home, and her parents are still waiting to hear whether or not the municipality will cover their subsequent costs.

The gapping six-foot-deep hole, filled with murky water, opened up near the back stairs of the house. The hole seems to have opened up over the remains of an old septic tank. It

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**KUDOS FOR LOUGHEED**

A PLEASANT SURPRISE: Val Lougheed shows her delight at being named Highlander of the Year last Wednesday. The award was presented by Bill Payne, left, in recognition of Lougheed's work in creating the Minden sled dog derby and building it over the past six years into the biggest race of its type in the world.

**Tough times easier to identify than solutions, Chamber told**

by LEN PIZZEY

High taxes, shrinking advertising budgets and crumbling infrastructures are contributing to tough times in Ontario's tourism industry, MPP Dennis Drainville told members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday night.

And while the litany of problems

is well known, solutions remain elusive, suggested the newly elected NDP member for Victoria/Haliburton.

In keeping with the NDP commitment to be open and honest with the electorate, Drainville was forthright on his limited knowledge of tourism.

"What I know about tourism could fit in a thimble" said Drain-

ville, who has been a resident of Haliburton County for only three years. He called on local people to give him "the education that I really need" about challenges facing the area's major industry.

Taxes are a major burden for Ontario businesses trying to compete with other markets, notably the United States, for tourism dollars, Drainville said. Eighty-five percent of all tourism-related businesses have fewer than 50 employees, and they are being hurt by the Employer Health Tax, (which boosts payroll costs by up to two percent).

Other tax burdens include the huge levy on alcoholic beverages — more than \$15 on and \$18.95 bottle of whiskey, for example — and the five percent tax levied by the province on room rentals.

High costs discourage Americans from visiting Ontario tourist facilities and prompt Ontarians to head south. In 1989, trips by Ontario residents within the province plunged by 25 percent, but visits to the United States grew by 20 percent, Drainville said.

Poor roads and infrastructure, especially a lack of winter facilities, hurt Ontario's ability to attract tourism dollars, Drainville noted.

Proposals put forth by the industry group Tourism Ontario have been made known to the government, and will receive careful consideration, Drainville suggested. They include unrestricted Sunday shopping, (something the NDP would have trouble with, Drainville said); a reduction in the Employer Health Tax from two percent of payroll to half a percent; a 10 percent reduction in taxes on liquor and a 20 percent reduction in taxes on Ontario wines; the elimination of the five

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TOUGH TIMES: MPP Dennis Drainville painted a bleak picture of tourism in Ontario when he addressed the annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday. Drainville said he would advocate more spending on advertising the province's attractions.

**Devoted musher wins race for the top Highlander**

by LEN PIZZEY

Publisher

The woman who is the driving force behind Minden's highly successful sled dog derby has been named Highlander of the Year for 1990.

Val Lougheed was presented with the award at the annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, in recognition of her contribution to life in the Highlands.

Lougheed and her husband, Steve, have been involved with breeding and racing sled dogs for many years. Six years ago they joined with a number of Minden business people to organize the first Minden Sled Dog Derby. From humble beginnings in 1985, the event is now the largest short course sled dog derby in the world. Sponsored by Martin Feed Mills of Elmina and known as the Minden Techni-cal Challenge, the two day event offers a total purse of \$20,000 and attracts competitors from across North America.

It is also popular with local residents and visitors, who line Minden's Main Street to watch teams and mushers compete in five and ten kilometre sprint races.

In addition to serving as president of Minden Sled Dog Derby Inc., the organizing body of the Minden races, Lougheed is president of the Canadian Federation of Sled Dog Sport and a member of the International Sled Dog Racing Association. She also operates her own business, Northern Lights Vocational Services.

Bill Payne, who presented the award to Lougheed on behalf of the Chamber, read a telegram of congratulations from Don and Wally Martin of Martin Feed Mills, whose sponsorship of the Minden races has been a key factor in attracting an international field of competitors.

The award took Lougheed completely by surprise, but she was quick to share the accolade with her fellow organizers and the community. The derby has become the largest

of its kind "because of all the people here" she told the audience of Chamber of Commerce members.

"Mushers say they never feel so special as when they come to the Highlands."

"What we've got here is magic," Lougheed said. "Just keep doing it."

**Former MPP honoured**

Another longtime supporter of tourism in the Highlands was also honoured by the Chamber last Wednesday. Former MPP John Eakins, who retired from politics prior to the September election, was presented with an honorary life membership in the Chamber in

*'What we've got here is magic,' says the Highlands' favourite musher. Just keep doing it.'*

recognition of his 15 years of service to area people.

Chamber vice president Bob Stinson, who presented the award, said people have "very high respect for John Eakins," and noted that throughout his years at Queen's Park, Eakins never compromised his ideals.

In accepting the award, Eakins said he was "deeply proud that the Haliburton Chamber, under the leadership of Bob Stinson, was very close to the top of all the Chambers in the province."

"There are always ups and downs" Eakins said, urging his audience to "never be discouraged."

"I feel very close to the Haliburton Chamber and the Haliburton people" Eakins said. "I am very touched and very honoured."

**Chamber board sees 4 new members elected**

Four new members have joined eight incumbents on the board of directors of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

A total of 13 names were on the ballot for the 12 seats on the Chamber board, and there were no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting last Wednesday.

The four new directors are Rhonda Elstine of G. Elstine Construction, who has previously served on the board; Kim Ward of Wig-a-Mog Inn; George Logan, who operates Logan Barbecue Service and a cleaning business; and Godfrey Tyler of Waverly Brook Farm.

Returning to the board for another term are Lyn Stevens of Red Umbrella Inn, most recently president

of the Chamber; Bob Stinson, vice president of the Chamber and former owner of Willow Beach Cottages; Shawn Hagerman, a Mutual Life underwriter who has been treasurer of the Chamber; Dennis Casey of Birch Point Lodge; Curtis Eastmure of Maple Sands Inn; Anne Larcale, owner of Intra Town and Country Travel; Jenny Rendall, representing the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association; and Anne Barker, who operates a catering service and serves on Stanhope council.

The 13th and unsuccessful candidate for a board seat was John Moulton of Rishor, Barnes and Dietrich Real Estate.

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